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Congratulations Coach



DESERVING OF HONORS--Former Grayling High School teacher and basketball coach Bruce Smith (Center) was honored at halftime of the Tuesday, Dec. 12, Grayling versus Elk Rapids basketball game. Smith served as head coach of the Vikings for almost 20 years in which he amassed an impressive record of 275 wins, two conference titles, six district titles, three regional championships and two quarter final victories. In the classroom, Smith was an outstanding teacher and friend to an entire generation of GHS students. Smith is pictured above with former Viking football and current wrestling coach Don Ferguson (L) and Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Kent Reynolds. Smith and Ferguson are both members of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

Photo by Terry Wright/Avalanche

Visiting judge to rule whether county officials are in contempt

A hearing has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 2, in Crawford County Circuit Court on a motion to show cause for contempt on the part of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, the Building Authority of Crawford County and the Crawford County Sheriff.

The action is being brought to court by Citizens for Environmental Awareness and Accountability in Government (CEAAG), and by county residents Carl Partello, Norman Bancroft and Dean Welch, all members of CEAAG.

The Michigan State Court Administrative Office has appointed 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas, of Charlevoix, to preside at the hearing.

Pajtas will rule on three charges of contempt:

1) That Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely is in violation of a November, 1994 court ruling by Judge William Porter, on holding two simultaneous public offices. At that time, it was determined that the Michigan Constitution places limitations on sheriffs holding other positions. The court ruled that Lovely could not hold the office of sheriff and also hold a position on the county building authority.

In its motion, CEAAG holds that Lovely is in contempt of that order by

his recent appointment as Grant Administrator of a Community Development Block Grant that Crawford County received to offset some of the costs of building the new Crawford County Correctional Center. The motion also states that Lovely is in contempt by presiding over the Crawford County Fair Board, as its president.

2) That the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was in contempt of Judge Porter's ruling that the county must provide to the public, commission meeting minutes, at no cost, when those minutes are not published in the local newspaper.

On Feb. 14, 1995, the commission published its previous meeting minutes in the Herald Times AdZ, an Otsego

Michigan picks up Lira's medical bill

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners found out Crawford County would not have to pay more than \$24,000 in medical bills for Joseph Lira.

Lira was shot several times during a shootout Sept. 14, with a Michigan State Trooper and Crawford County Sheriff Deputies at a rest area near Frederic on I-75 south.

After officers were informed that the two vans Lira and his companions were travelling in were stolen, Lira opened fire on the officers. All three officers on the scene returned fire, striking Lira several times. Lira was airlifted to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Lira's medical treatment was made even more complicated when it was determined he has Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Robert Porter, director of Department of Social Services (DSS) for Otsego and Crawford counties, told the commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12 that the state would pick up the bill.

"I have good news," said Porter, addressing the commissioners on Tuesday. "Now, as you all know well, back in September there was a shooting at the rest area in Grayling, that resulted in this county taking on an obligation for medical costs associated with the arrest of that prisoner. I was able to

convince our Lansing offices that under the social law, the state ought to be responsible for that cost as opposed to the county where that person is arrested.

"I am pleased to announce, they agreed," said Porter. "They have approved paying Munson Medical Association for those costs, as well as the airlift and other miscellaneous costs associated with the shooting."

The state will pay Munson for Lira's medical treatment at "medicaid rates." Porter warned the commissioners that Munson may try to recoup the difference between what is billed and what the state pays from Crawford County. Usually, when the hospital accepts medicaid rates, they do not try to recoup the difference.

Chairman Dennis Long said the county is now severing its ties with Lira's medical bills and its responsibility for paying for them.

Porter said the state agreed to pay based on a law that has never been used. He said Crawford County was the first to ever receive a reimbursement based on this policy in the entire state. The policy states that the state of Michigan will reimburse the county 100 percent for medical treatment of a nonresident of the state.

Porter told the commissioners that any other bills received for the treatment of Lira would also fall under this policy, including bills for his ongoing care and his initial treatment at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Lost: several loads of trash, if found notify Grayling Township

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Less than one month into a 5-year trash hauling contract, Grayling Township officials are wondering where its trash is being taken. No one seems to have the proven answer.

In November the Grayling township Board of Trustees accepted a trash-hauling bid from Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI), to haul and empty the 40-yard trash container from the township's transfer station on North Down River Road. At that time, representatives from BFI said the trash would be taken to their company's landfill in Presque Isle County in accordance with the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan.

It was later determined that the county's waste plan only allows Crawford County trash to be taken to the Maple Forest landfill owned by City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters (CESW), a competitor of BFI. When that fact was pointed out to BFI, Grayling Township received a letter from Kevin Beste, BFI sales manager saying, "this trash will be disposed of at the landfill in Waters, Michigan."

Grayling Township Supervisor Arnold Stancil says that may not be happening after all.

"CITY (CESW) called me and said they had only received one load this month," Stancil said. "BFI had probably hauled four loads. I have asked BFI for receipts, but they haven't been forthcoming."

When contacted by the Avalanche, Beste said, "That's absolutely 100 percent incorrect."

Beste said the CESW landfill is the final destination of all Grayling Township trash, "every yard, every bag," he said. "BFI is not doing anything wrong or illegal. We can be creative in how we get the trash there and I don't want to disclose that to our competition."

Stancil said if BFI can provide that proof, he would like to see it. He said Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney John Huss and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality had been advised of the problem because of the possibility that BFI has violated the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan.

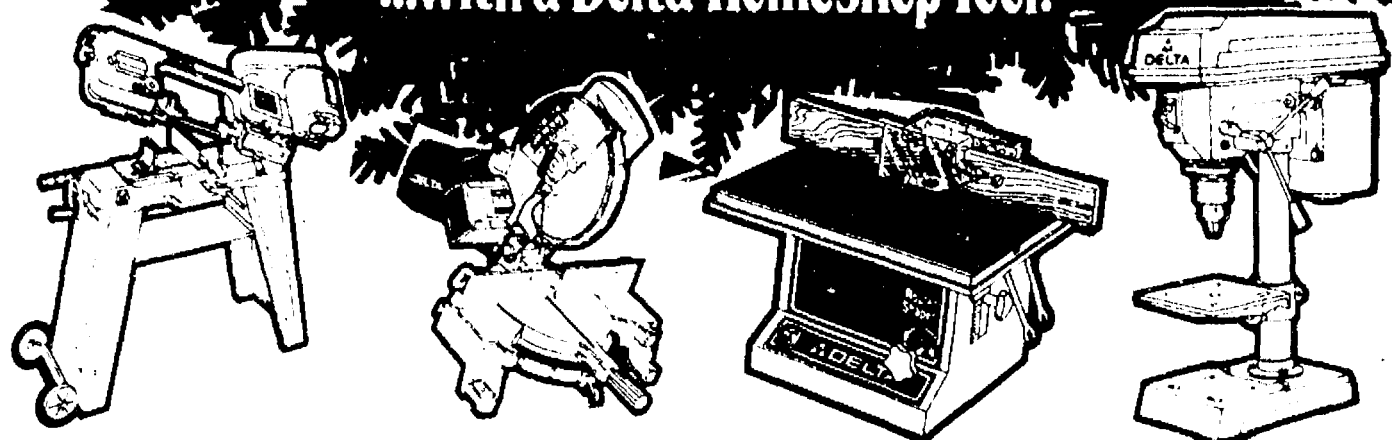
It is not yet known if Huss has begun any investigation, but the DEQ confirmed that it has.

Tom Polasek, of the Gaylord DEQ office said he inspected Elk Run Landfill records on Thursday, Dec. 14, and found no record of Grayling Township trash being taken there.

"I'm assuming that waste is going to CITY," he said. "There's something going on," Polasek added. "We just haven't figured it out. It may be a records problem."

Stancil added, "If township trash is not going to the CESW landfill, as specified in the county's solid waste management plan, we probably shouldn't pay for it."

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Bill could save small loggers thousands

A bill introduced by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, would require the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to apply the same tax guidelines for Michigan loggers that it uses in other states.

"The Michigan Association of Timbermen called our attention to the fact that one provision of the tax code, the collection of taxes on rental payment for chain saws to the employees of logging companies, is not being applied equitably," Stupak said.

"In fact, Michigan is the only state where the IRS is collecting taxes on rental payments retroactively for the years 1990-92."

The bill, introduced in the House last week and referred to the Ways and Means Committee, addresses problems arising from a 1989 change in the tax code, which affected a method of payment of employees used in logging activities for decades.

Under this payment procedure, logging firms allocated 20 percent of an individual logger's salary as rental for the use of that logger's chain saw.

The IRS has determined that such payments are wages, subject to withholding of payroll taxes, unless a specific "accountable plan" has been put into place to track all chain saw expenses.

The IRS, Stupak said, targeted Michigan for enforcement of this determination, auditing logging companies and demanding back payment of payroll taxes.

When interest and penalties are included with the back taxes, individual small family-owned logging operations in the state face payments ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000, according to the Michigan Association of Timbermen.

Stupak's bill would set 1993, a benchmark year used in Montana to address the same issue, as the earliest year for which retroactive payments could be collected.

The measure also seeks relief for logging companies that have paid the assessments for 1990, 1991 and 1992.

"This bill addresses a matter of critical concern in an industry vital to the economic health of First Congressional District," Stupak said.

Crawford County Sheriff Department Sheriff Patrol

By Linda Sherwood

For the week of Dec. 11-17

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 88 incidents during the week of Saturday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 17. The incidents ranged from false alarms to a house fire.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the Beaver Creek Fire Department was sent to a house fire at 770 West Pere Cheney Road. The home was a total loss. The home belonged to John Angel. Other units sent to the scene were the South Branch Fire Department, the Grayling Fire Department and the Crawford County Sheriff Department.

Sheriff deputies suspect arson was the cause of a vehicle fire on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The vehicle's license plate was missing and the vehicle identification numbers had been removed. The fire occurred on Beasley Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

A snowmobile was reported stolen on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 p.m. on East County Road 612.

Deputies investigated a report of a counterfeit \$100 bill on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Two snowmobilers were arrested for drinking while operating a snowmobile in separate incidents. The first driver was arrested on south bound I-75 at 12 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The driver was lodged in the Crawford County Jail and the snowmobile was towed. On Sunday, Dec. 17, a snowmobiler hit a sign on West M-72. That driver was also lodged.

Sheriff deputies also investigated a report of a bag of bones being dumped on Industrial Street on Sunday, Dec. 17. The bones turned out to be deer bones.

A snowmobiler reported missing on Friday, Dec. 15, came walking in over an hour later. The snowmobile had broken down. The snowmobile rescue team, the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association, and other officers were called in to locate the missing snowmobiler.

Deputies also investigated one attempted B & E on Old Lake Road, six public peace disturbances, 20 accidents, 10 incidents of family trouble and seven suspicious situations.

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Judge to rule on contempt

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County newspaper, CEAAG contends that by publishing minutes in that paper, the commission was in contempt.

CEAAG also contends that the "full context" of minutes from several meetings are not available to the public.

3) That contaminated soils at the construction site of the Crawford County Correctional Center were not cleaned up in accordance with guidelines from the Michigan Environmental Protection Act, as per Porter's order.

CEAAG states in its motion, that construction crews dug a trench through contaminated soil in September of this year, from the courthouse to the railroad tracks, then, after laying drainpipes in the trench, filled it in again with the same soil.

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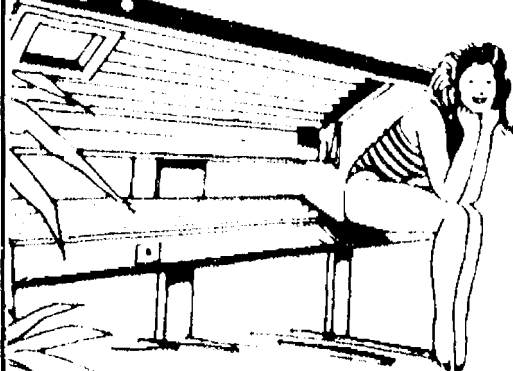
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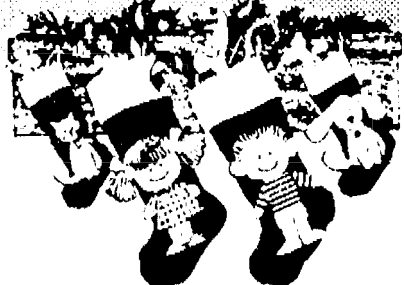
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BRIEFS

Meet the grads on Dec. 22

On Friday, Dec. 22, Grayling High School (GHS) will host the traditional "Meet the Grads Day" in the high school library. To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to present their experiences concerning continued education for current juniors and seniors. Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the event, by sharing their feelings about the transfer

from GHS to other educational positions.

This reception will be held in the GHS library from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. All former graduates presently seeking post-secondary education are cordially invited to attend. This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the counseling department. We encourage all persons currently involved in continued education to attend the annual presentation of this event.

230,000 snowmobiles converging on state trails

More than 230,000 registered snowmobiles will hit Michigan trails this winter, making it critical that safety go along for the ride.

"Snowmobiling is one of the most popular winter activities in Michigan, which has 5,300 miles of groomed trails—among the highest number of any state," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch.

"However, during the last five snowmobile seasons, Michigan has recorded a yearly average of 455 crashes. In 1994, snowmobile crashes claimed five lives and injured 318 persons. To improve this safety record, snowmobilers must know the 'rules of the road,'" he stressed.

Operating a snowmobile after drinking alcohol and driving at reckless speeds, are two of the most dangerous practices for a snowmobiler, according to Basch.

Safety tips for a safer snowmobile season include:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Don't snowmobile alone in frigid weather or in unknown wilderness areas.
- Carry a first-aid kit, compass, map, matches, and aluminum foil-type blanket, tool kit, rope and extra ignition key.
- Dress in warm clothing, secured so that it won't tangle in equipment.
- Stay on marked trails or, where allowed, on the right shoulder of the road. Be alert for fences, tree stumps and stretched wire that may be concealed by snow.
- Do not snowmobile on waters where the ice is not at least a solid 6 inches thick.

Because snowmobile theft can be a problem, owners should always take the keys out of the ignition when the machine is parked, and chain and padlock the snowmobile when leaving it unattended. Never leave a snowmobile running while unattended.

How Michigan avoids winter pile-ups

Jack Frost paid Michigan an early visit this year, bringing along cold temperatures and lots of snow. State and county highway maintenance crews are battling the early snows and preparing for the winter season ahead.

"Clearing the state's highway system of snow and ice is our top priority during the winter," said State Transportation Director Pat Nowak. "We want to provide motorists with safe roadways to travel on at all times." Nowak said MDOT expects to spend almost \$40 million on winter maintenance this year, which is about a fifth of the total maintenance budget. Last year, MDOT's efforts resulted in snow removal within an average of two to three hours. Heavy snows were removed within eight to 10 hours.

"MDOT is continuing to find ways to improve their winter service to motorists," said John O'Doherty, chief of maintenance for MDOT. "We are currently testing a device that will let the district offices know when bridges are freezing so they can be salted right away. It doesn't have to be snowing or sleeting for a bridge to freeze, cold temperatures and high humidity may also cause ice on bridges. Many motorists do not realize that and may skid on them."

While MDOT will be focusing its attention to the safety of the roadways, motorists should be taking precautions of their own to assure safe driving during winter weather.

MDOT offers these tips to motorists:

- Be cautious on bridges as they tend to ice before roadways.
- Slow down when visibility is low or when road conditions are snowy/icy.
- Keep space between your vehicle and snowplows. The cloud behind a plow limits the drivers' visibility; and ice, rocks or salt may be thrown from

- the plow.
- Accelerate and brake slowly.
- Avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

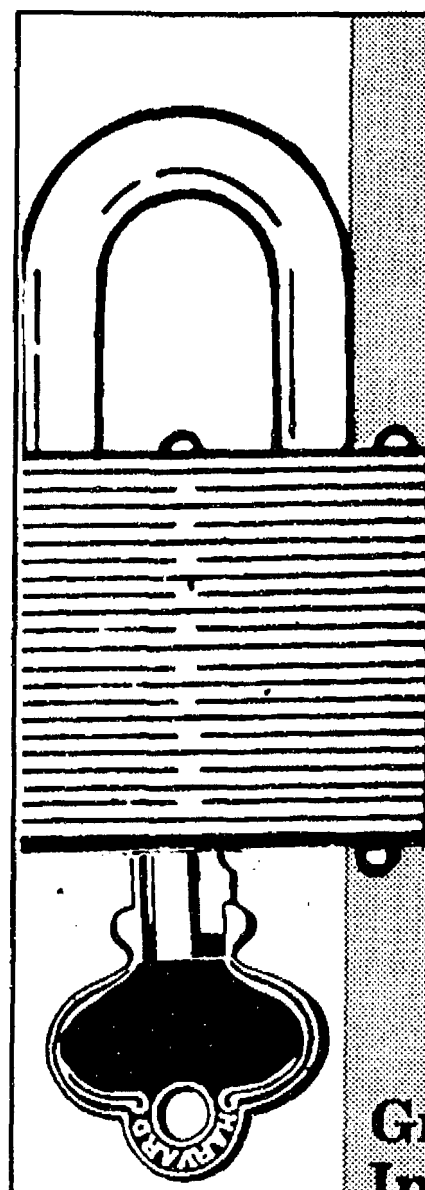
MDOT also urges people to not pile snow on roadways and shoulders as they shovel their driveways and walks this winter, since this limits visibility. Keep the road shoulder in front of driveways clear, as well as a short distance from the driveway toward the approaching traffic. It is important that motorists entering the roadway have a clear view of oncoming traffic.




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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

The warmer (not warm, but less cold) weather arrived in time for the Kiwanians to be on the street last Friday and Saturday, selling their Goodfellow Newspapers. I really enjoyed seeing many people that I have not seen in a long time, and am grateful for your donations to our community projects. To the lady, you know who you are, who put a generous check in my money jug at the post office, we wish you a very joyous and merry Christmas!

Most of my comments on Christmas decorations go to the people whose lights and ornaments can be seen by people driving around. But one of the unusual displays of the Christmas season cannot be seen by the general public, but certainly needs to be mentioned. Mrs. Goodale, who makes her home in a specially-built addition at the home of her son and family, the Loren Goodales, has one of the most beautiful Christmas villages that we have seen. She has been collecting, and sometimes painting ceramic houses, stores, trees, people, cars, and too many other objects to mention, for many years, and has one 'hobby' room completely set up with a village and lights. This year, she has even added a mountain background to her village—it is a beautiful display and one that she thoroughly enjoys doing and showing off to her friends.

There are more lights and decorations showing along Michigan Avenue now, the Pete Ingvarssons, the Bob Smocks, and the blue window lighting at the Dr. Bill Dean office. And just off Michigan, the Kent Reynolds have lights around the house and landscape. If you want to see a huge snowman, take a ride out Isenhauer Road to the Jerry Millikin home! We've not been out on that road at night yet, but someone told us the lights are shining brightly out there again this year. We want the Millikin and Isenhauer families to know that

everyone enjoys their lights, as well as any other families that live on that road who decorate.

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ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

One Solitary Life...

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following thoughts were first gathered into a Christmas column and offered in The Almanack about 25 years ago; since

then, they have appeared several times during the Christmas season--and are still appropriate.)

"HERE IS A young man, who was born in an obscure village, the child of

a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He has no credentials but Himself.

"While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

"When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched...and all the navies that ever sailed...and all the parliaments that ever sat...and all the kings that ever reigned, put together...have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has "...That one solitary life."

comes in many guises.

As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down many years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A happy life is to laugh often and to love much...to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children...to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends...to appreciate beauty...to give one's self...to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition...to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation...to know even one life

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"Grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console...to be understood as to understand...to be loved as to love..."

"For it is in giving that we receive...it is in pardoning that we are pardoned...and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by.

To all of you, a blessed and joyous holiday season from The Almanack.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer says Grayling is not hospitable to snowmobilers

To the editor, our local merchants, tradesmen and their employees,

We have a major economic problem in the city of Grayling. For several years, we as businesses have been economically handicapped with the loss of income potential from the visiting snowmobilers. These snowmobilers want to spend not only their time, but their money in our city.

They do not want to spend their time and money at our local magistrates office paying for tickets they receive for riding and parking their machines in the city limits.

This comment stems from an incident that happened last weekend in our fair city. A few visiting snowmobilers stopped at a local establishment. They parked their machines in this establishment's private parking lot. While the visitors were eating, unbeknownst to them, their snowmobiles were ticketed. When they discovered the tickets, their comment was "We will never come back to this hell hole again." You can bet they will tell their friends about our fair city, their friends will tell their friends, and so on and so on.

There is a posted designated route through our city limits to get from trail to trail, but unfortunately most of the time you can't ride it, because our city plows it down to pavement.

The city of Gaylord, and also Cadillac, which are larger than Grayling, allow these snowmobilers to ride on their main streets. What harm would it pose on our community to allow snowmobilers to ride on this back-street trail and stop at our local downtown businesses?

As a community, don't you agree, Grayling should be able to take full advantage of the same financial opportunities as our surrounding communities?

I am wondering why some of our local officials who say they're trying to help us with this situation, are seemingly trying to undermine our local downtown economy by choosing to ticket these visiting snowmobilers? Do we not want to promote tourism in the downtown Grayling area?

Can our local officials answer these questions? Our local officials have been invited to attend a meeting Dec. 20, at 4 p.m., to be held at Chief Shopenagons Hotel.

All concerned citizens who are interested with the growth of Grayling, are encouraged to attend this meeting. Remember, this not only effects our downtown business owners, but their employees also.

Jill Andersen,
Grayling

Appreciates professionalism, efficiency at Mercy Hospital

To the editor,

Some weeks ago at the advice of my physician, Dr. Donald Burkley, I underwent a test procedure at Mercy Hospital. I wish to commend all of the hospital personnel who worked with me.

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My thanks to everyone at Mercy Hospital for such a positive experience.

George W. Alexander,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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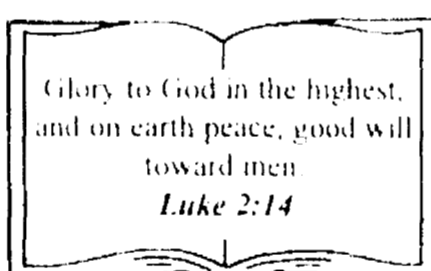
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OF COURSE, I didn't originate that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author.

But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of "One Solitary Life" helps us add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the Christmas season each year.

What we seek is happiness, each in his or her own form, and happiness



Editor's Quote Book

O, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!
Sir Walter Scott

Cemetery deserves more attention

To the editor,

No access to the Grayling cemetery. I was surprised to find that you could not get into the cemetery to place a wreath or grave blanket for your loved one.

The roads were not plowed, and the rest of the year the roads are a disgrace. You scrape the bottom of your car unless you have a truck.

It's a beautiful cemetery, and deserves more attention such as gravel or blacktop on the roads.

Mrs. Robert Wakefield,
Roscommon

Writer appreciates good Samaritan

To the editor,

Merry Christmas and God bless the good Samaritan who stopped to ask if I needed help with the mountain of snow in front of my mailbox. I'd shoveled for two days to keep it clear and when I went out Tuesday morning, I knew I'd have to start all over.

To you sir, you made my day—I didn't get our name, but thank you!

Kac Blanchard,
Grayling



FROM OUR CORNER By Whitey Madsen

(The following column was published March 11, 1993, in the Resorter. After last week's storm, I thought our readers might like to read about an earlier storm that hit the Grayling-Gaylord area.)

Blizzard of '42

The winter snow storm that passed through our area over the weekend of Feb. 20-21-22 was micky mouse of the one that hit this same area in February of 1942.

The recent storm really brought back our memory of the storm over 50 years ago.

It was a beautiful sunny day on a cold Sunday morning and four of us were sitting in Nelson's Drug Store in Gaylord having a Coke, and wondering what to do. Jim, the owners' son, said, "why don't we go down to Grayling to the winter sports park?"

Nothing else to do, none of us played pool, so, why not? All of us had girls we had dated, and figured it would be a good time, considering the weather. Cars at that time were not like the ones of today.

During that time, Grayling was the mecca of winter sports activities, in fact their claim to fame was they were the Granddaddy of winter sports in the north.

Back then, winter sports consisted of toboggan slides, which was the ultimate recreation, a few skiers, and also skaters on the pond where the ice shrones were built.

The war was underway, and it was not too long before all five of us were in the service.

But, this sunny February Sunday will be with me forever.

It was a real fun day, and about 5 o'clock we all decided to go over to Zaule's, this was a restaurant, bar, dance floor, with live music, and was at the corner of M-72 and M-93, where the Grayling Red Barn is now.

The place was full, just like any weekend. We ate, sipped, danced and when it was time to leave, we walked out the door and we could not see our

two cars, or any others. They were blanketed with snow.

Everyone took turns helping to get the cars out on the road, which you could hardly distinguish where it was.

Why we decided to start for home, I'll never know. About a mile out of Grayling, both cars missed a curve and we were on the old airport runway.

How we got back into town, again, I'll never know, both cars wound up buried in snow banks in front of the Rialto Theatre. There they sat until Tuesday afternoon.

I was lucky, the gal I was dating was the sheriff's daughter, and they let me sleep in the jail, that is, in their front room on the davenport.

As I look back, that must have been the time she trapped me.

Oh well, putting up with me for nearly 48 and a half years, she deserves a medal for patience.

I never knew a davenport would come to this.

The other guys stayed at the homes of the girls they were dating, except Jim, he stayed at the Shopenagons Inn, the forerunner of Chief Shopenagons Hotel. We have to mention this, the cost for his room was \$1.50.

When we left each other wading in the snow, we were to meet downtown at Dad Hanson's Restaurant and take the morning train that was due around 5:30 in the morning.

We were all on time, had our coffee and a donut (that took all of my money) and waited. Finally around 10 o'clock we went to the depot to find out about the train. Our answer, we do not know, it will arrive sometime, we hope.

If memory serves me, it was around 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon when we boarded, and felt we would be home in about an hour.

It didn't happen. We arrived in Gaylord at 6:30 p.m., after the train had to back up three times, just to make the first hill at the southern end of Osego Lake, and the other one which was called then sink hole hill.

All of us were working, and we felt lucky that Gaylord got hit by the same storm, but not as bad, otherwise our bosses may have felt we were using this as an excuse for not showing up

for work Monday.

I was working at the newspaper, and when we got there I went right to the office, called my parents, and worked until midnight to catch up on the work I had missed.

A bit more on the winter sports weekends in Grayling during the 30s and 40s later.

I guess I should mention here that our bride was the Grayling Winter Sports Queen in 1942, now maybe she will speak to me for another 48 years.

I would like to say thanks to the anonymous person who sent me the clipping from a paper on Vice-President Quayle's last night in the big house, that included the fact of the question I asked of where the V-P lived. Also, Tom, for your wisdom.

A few gems from Joe Falls' Sunday best in the Detroit News:

•Mia Lara Salgado, 28-week-old daughter of John and Leslie Falls Salgado, says, "It's great being a baby. You can hit the bottle all you want and nobody can talk about you."

•Claudia Jakus, owner of Clarkston Travel Bureau: "A guy came in the other day and asked where he could go for \$50, and I told him."

Definition: A true musician is one who hears a woman singing in the shower, and puts his ear to the keyhole.

Poem:
Some senators say they begrudge it.
Some congressmen try sometimes to nudge it.

But our national debt,
Grows heavier yet,
And nobody up there can budget.

Joe's Winderupper: There are two periods when Congress does not do business: one is before the holidays, the other is after.

From Ann Landers column:
My laugh for the day: A woman was doing her housework in the nude when the door bell rang. "Who's there?" she asked. "Blind man" was the reply. As the woman opened the door, the man said, "Where do you want me to hang these blinds, lady?"

Thelma and I wish you all a Danish "Glaedelig Jul."

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

Not long after one of the recent snow storms, it was necessary to verify an inventory number on a planter used to transplant seedlings in the nursery between 1949 and 1962. Fortunately, or perhaps unfortunately, the planter is located at the north end of the foot trail in the nursery, so I either had to walk or use a snowmobile. I chose to walk and was pleasantly surprised at how well the wind breaks of white spruce had done their intended job, as the snow out in the middle of the old plot was more than knee deep, but along the lee side of the windbreak, the snow wasn't even boot-top deep. The walking was easy.

As I walked toward the planter, the evidence of several animals was obvious. A gray or fox squirrel had explored the windbreak searching for cones, and the remains of their meals littered their dining area. When I reached the planter, a red squirrel gave me a royal chewing out for trespassing in his domain. I suspect if his language could be translated, it wouldn't all be printable.

Cottontail rabbits had been in and out of the windbreak, as they used it for cover, moving from one end of the nursery to the other. Also evident were the tracks of a fox, who was probably curled up somewhere in one of those windbreaks with its tail covering its

nose and feet while waiting for sundown. You can bet its eyes and ears weren't asleep and my presence was well accounted for. I looked for a hair where the fox had gone under a branch, as I wondered if it was the red or gray variety, but there was none. At North Higgins it is more likely a red fox, but sometimes a gray fox gets this far north. It will be necessary to watch more closely and keep the telephoto lens handy.

After locating and verifying the inventory number, I looked down the length of what had once been a 3-acre plot where three million seedlings would have been resting and waiting for spring under the snow. The spruces making up the windbreaks looked very much like decorated Christmas trees, with their limbs weighted down with balls of snow, and the pristine whiteness of the scene was a reminder of the fast-approaching yule-tide season.

With that in mind and before it is too late, the staffs of North and South Higgins Lake State Parks and the MacMullan Conference Center, want to extend our best wishes to you and yours. Wishing you a Merry Christmas seems a little tired and much used, but we do wish for you good health and happiness during this season and throughout 1996. Have a good one.

Questions answered by the VA

Question: Are veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities required to pay a funding fee for VA home-loan guarantees?

Answer: No, these veterans are exempt. Also exempt are surviving spouses of veterans who died as a result of service where the spouse never remarried.

Question: I am a mortgage banker and my office has several VA buyers who need an adjustable-rate loan to buy the home they want. What is the latest on reinstating the adjustable-rate home loan program?

Answer: This program expired when Congress failed to pass a proposal for a 90-day extension before Sept. 30. Meanwhile, VA will honor loans for veterans who have commitments for ARMs from lenders on or before Sept. 30, 1995. VA will continue to work with Capitol Hill on possible legislation making the ARM program permanent.

Question: What are the minimum service requirements to be eligible for a VA home loan?

Answer: If you served in a wartime period before Sept. 7, 1980 (enlisted), or Oct. 16, 1981 (officer), the service requirements is at least 90 days. For veterans of peacetime eras, the requirement is 181 continuous days of service. Veterans serving after those 1980 or 1981 dates, must have served 24 months or the full period for which they were called, but not less than 181 days peacetime or 90 days wartime. If you are now on active duty, you are

eligible after 90 days.

Question: I have seen ads in the paper listing VA properties for sale. Are these also available to people who were never in the military?

Answer: Yes. Where VA is disposing of a property, such as the result of a foreclosure of a VA-guaranteed loan, it can be purchased by a non-veteran. In such cases, it was the original VA-guaranteed loan for the purchase or repair of a home that was available only to eligible veterans.

MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewaert:

Rick A. Shankel of Breckenridge, was fined \$120 for Transport Uncased Gun In Motor Vehicle.

Terry Lee Easterbrook of Holt, was fined \$170 for Possession Of Loaded Firearm In Motor Vehicle.

Troy L. Amend of Ypsilanti, was fined \$120 for Possession Of Loaded Gun After Legal Hunting Hours.

Gregory S. Hillis of Marysville, was fined \$120 for Possession Of Rifle Five Days Prior To Firearm Deer Season.

Scott A. Pearson of Algomac, was fined \$120 for Possession Of Road Kill Wild Turkey Without Valid Permit.

Lewis R. Straubel of Waterford, was fined \$420 fines and costs, \$2,000 restitution (2 deer), sentenced to five days in jail, plus the loss of hunting licenses for three years, for Possession Of Illegally Killed Deer.

Sammy Earl Guinn of Pontiac, was fined \$120 for Improper Validation Of Deer Kill Tag.

Wayne Philip Faught of Farwell, was fined \$70 for Allow Minor To Hunt Unsupervised.



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DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before The Honorable Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Dan Joseph London, 29 of Houghton Lake Heights, plead guilty to the charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$160 or 14 days, restitution paid. He was cited March 26, 1995, by the city police.

Michael Roshy, 43, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Fail To Inform Under \$500, and was fined \$210 or 30 days. On motion of prosecuting attorney, original charges of Welfare Fraud Over \$500 and Fail To Inform Over \$500 was dismissed upon above plea.

Thomas James Walkup, 19, of Roscommon, plead no contest to two charges of Grayling City Ordinance #4, Assault And Battery, and was fined \$160 or 14 days on each charge. He was cited Aug. 26, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Roy Angus Richards, 50, of Baker, Florida, plead no contest the charge of Assault And Battery, and was fined \$310 or 30 days. He was cited March 3, 1994, by the city police.

Wm. F. Denno, 28, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Possession Of marijuana, and was fined \$340 or 30 days, placed on six months probation, ordered to pay \$150 lab fees, plus his license was suspended for one year. He was cited May 16, 1995, by the state police.

Kevin Earl Lone, 29, of Frederic, plead guilty to Count I: Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$240 or 30 days, plus his license was suspended six months; and Count II: Unlawful Use Marijuana, and was

fined \$240 or 30 days. He was cited Sept. 24, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Shawn Michael Schiattone, 21, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Aug. 20, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Richard Stephen Pratt, 19, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Oct. 6, 1995, by the state police.

Lee Alen Babbitt, 36, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited July 22, 1995, by the state police.

Kenneth Wozniak, 43, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 6 months. He was cited Sept. 24, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Daniel Anthony Diekman, 36, of Kalkaska, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days,

placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 6 months. He was cited Sept. 28, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

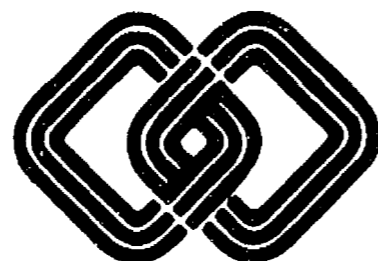
Wm. Joseph Cronk, 25, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 6 months. He was cited Oct. 14, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Curtis James Jeziorski, 24, of Kewadin, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was revoked one year. He was cited Oct. 10, 1995, by the state police.

James Rodney Perna, 45, of Roscommon, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Home Invasion—2nd Degree. A \$5,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Lynda Lou Allmacher, 46, of Gaylord, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of OUIL 3rd. A \$100 cash or surety bond was set.

Robert Steven Leal, 27, of Grayling, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Resist And Obstruct Police Officer. A \$5,000 cash or surety bond was set.



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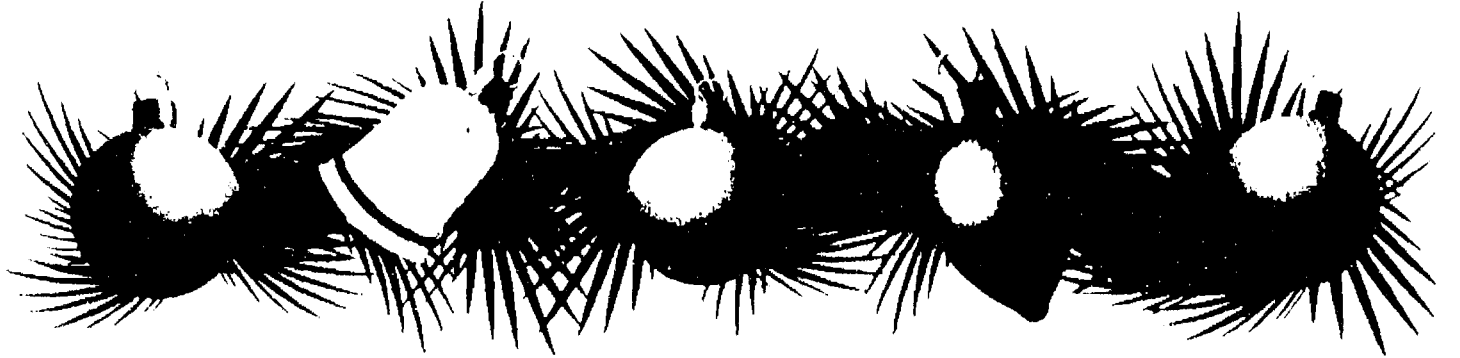
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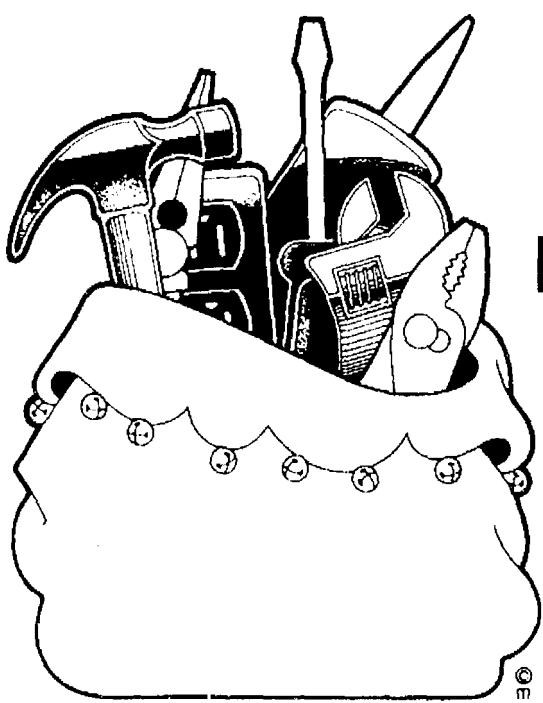
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License plate honoring the auto on sale Jan. 2

Michigan Secretary of State Candice S. Miller recently unveiled a new commemorative license plate that will go on sale to the motoring public Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The license plate honors the 100th anniversary of the automobile industry and, for the first time in Michigan history, features a graphic design rather than the standard 2-color issue.

"1996 marks the 100th anniversary of the automobile industry, which as had a greater impact on Michigan during the 20th century than any other single industry," Secretary Miller said. "All of us have experienced the benefits of the auto industry, and this is the time for us to show our appreciation by displaying this commemorative license plate with pride."

In another first, the Secretary of State's office will also sell the commemorative license plate at the North American International Auto

Show in Detroit Jan. 5 through 15.

The license plate features a grayish-white background with the red and blue emblem of the American Automobile Centennial Commission, a gold silhouette of an antique automobile outlined in red, and three letters and two numbers stamped in blue.

The license plate bears the legend "World's Motor Capital" in red, and a distinctive blue banner across the top bearing the word "Michigan."

Manufactured at the Gus Harrison Correctional Facility in Adrian, the license plate features 72 square inches of fully-reflectorized surface, with a plastic resin that protects against imbedded dirt, and which retains optimum visibility in rain. The license plate is visible from 1,500 feet on a dark night and can be read from 90 feet away.

Among the vehicles eligible to

display the autocentennial license plate are passenger vehicles, vans, pickups and motor homes.

"The last 100 years, which were marked by the invention and development of the automobile, have so dramatically changed our lives that they can truly be characterized as the technology century," Secretary Miller concluded. "As Michigan's official historian, it gives me great pleasure to mark this occasion by offering this commemorative license plate for sale to our citizens."

Motorists can replace their current license plate with the auto centennial license plate at the time their vehicle

registration is up for renewal. Orders will be accepted by fax or mail when purchasing at the time of renewal.

Secretary Miller noted that in an early show of support, the Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors have committed to purchasing a total of 15,000 commemorative license plates in 1996.

The auto centennial license plate will be sold at least until Oct. 1, 1996, and can be renewed for as long as motorists care to display the license plate on their vehicle.

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Pine Whispers

By Ann Stevens, Hartwick Pines Interpreter

Greetings from Hartwick Pines State Park. Staff at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center invites you to come out to the park and enjoy this early winter weather. There's plenty of snow blanketing our trails, and it makes for great cross-country ski conditions. The park has over seven miles of scenic, rolling trails that are groomed each Friday. After you've skied, hiked or snowshoed the area, join us in the visitor center warming room for complimentary hot beverages and snacks. You can stroll through the exhibit hall and get nose-to-nose with a gray-wolf mount, or sit by the windows and enjoy all the activity at our wildlife feeding area. The pines are especially beautiful this time of year.

In January, we will welcome the arrival of a new history specialist to the park. His focus will be the rich logging history of the area, and its significance to Hartwick Pines.

Michigan Forest Visitor Center hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. We will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. The warming room is ready and waiting each Saturday and Sunday until the snow is all gone. Motor vehicle permit required.

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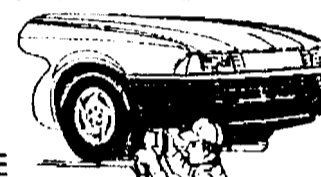
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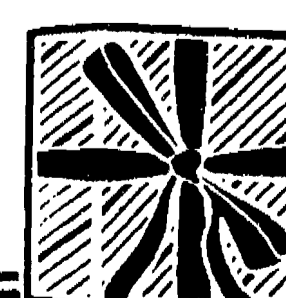
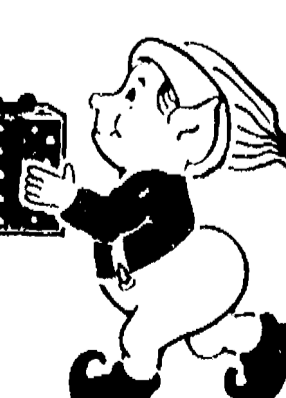
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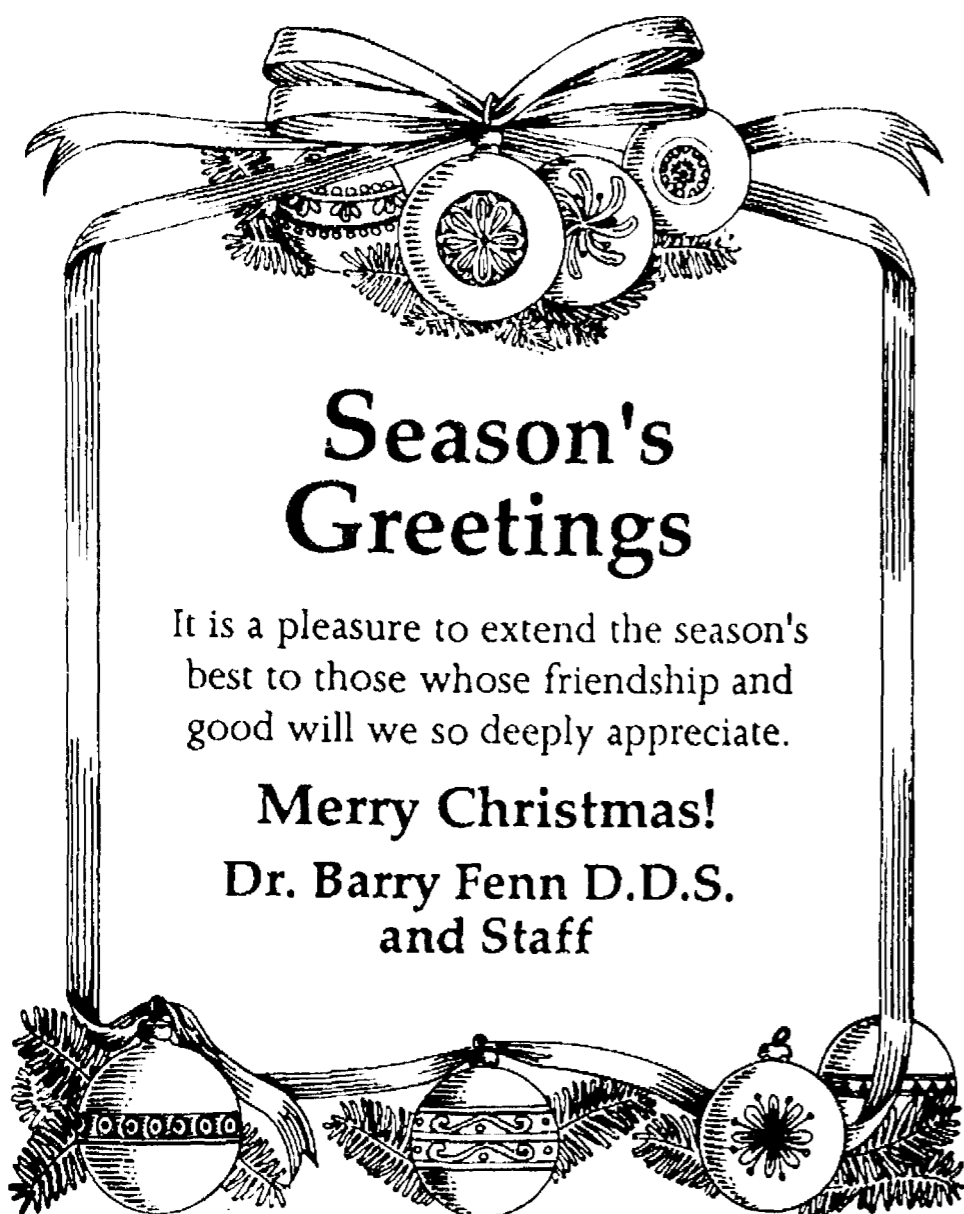
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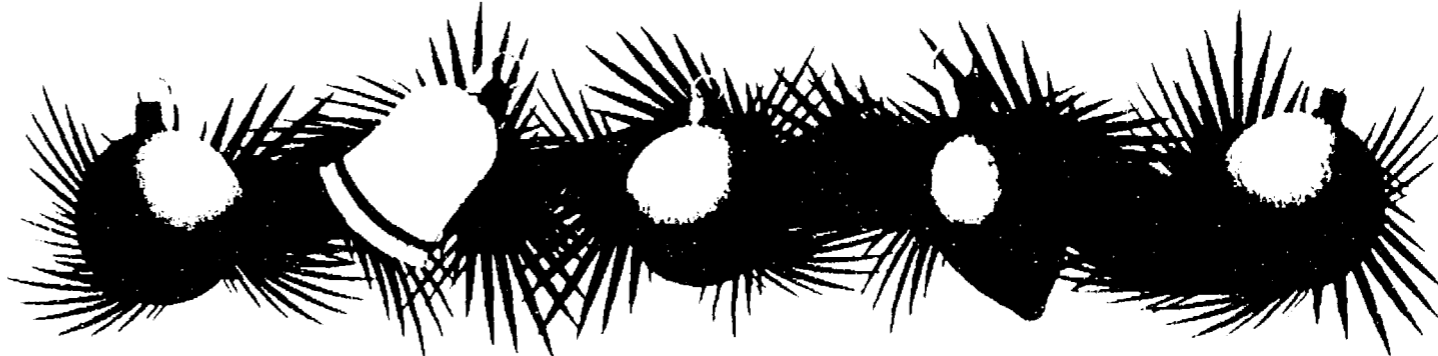
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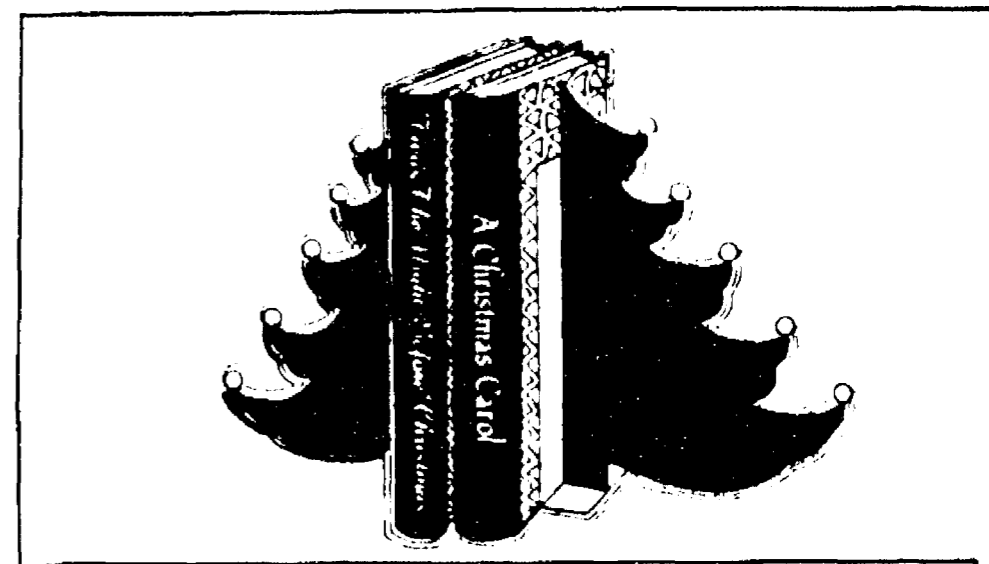
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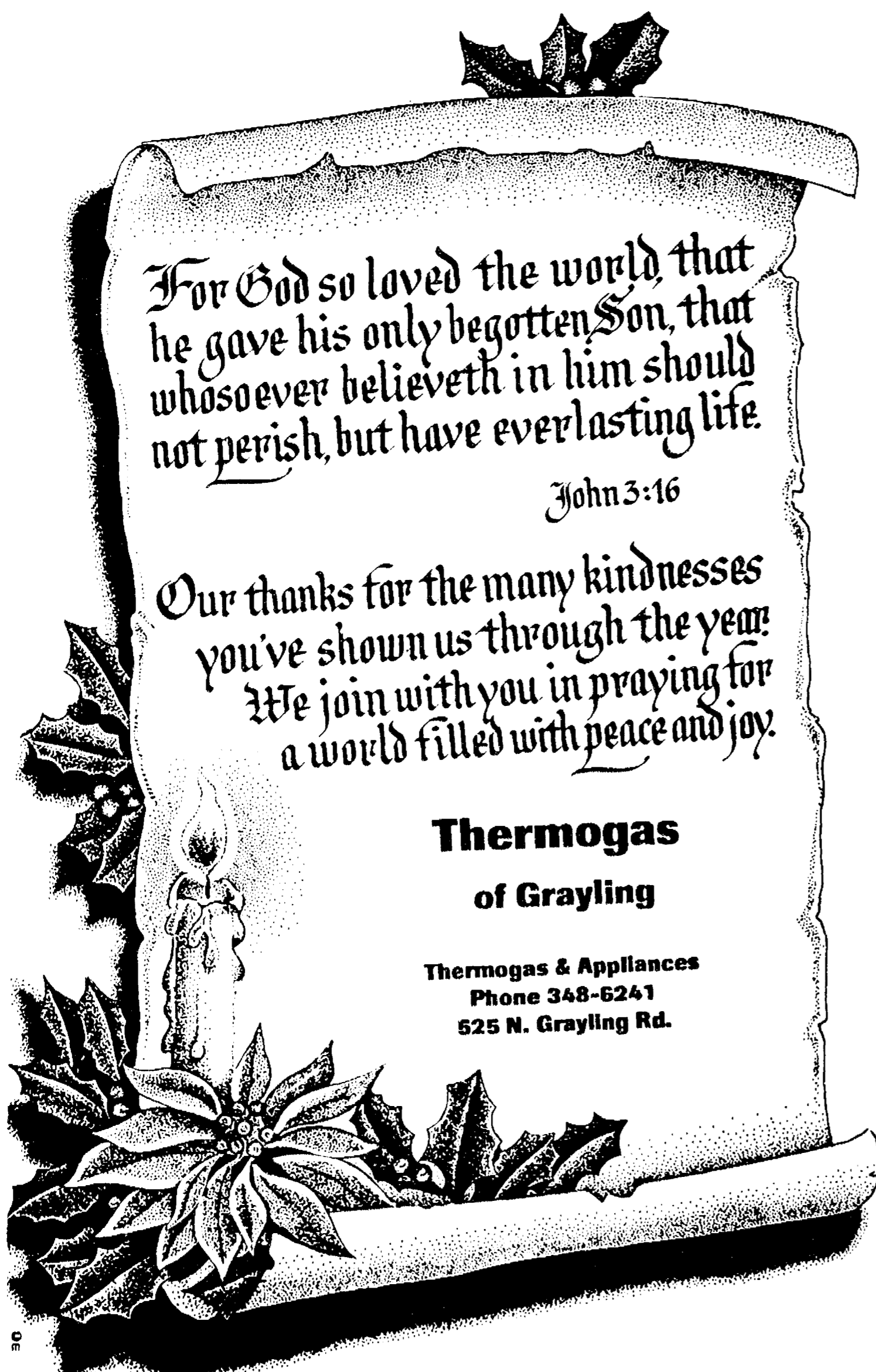
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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keene

Spierling, Keene married

Dana Marie Spierling of Gaylord, and Michael Rodney Keene of Frederic, were united in marriage on Oct. 28, at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church, with Reverend Mark Vapori officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Susan and Douglas Hancock of Gaylord, and the groom is the son of Robert and Susan Keene of Frederic.

The couple exchanged vows during the double-ring ceremony before an altar adorned with candelabras and flowers.

Friends of the bride, Lyle and Linda Dowling, sang *The Wedding Song*, and *Only God Could Love You More*.

The bride wore a full-length gown of ivory silk, featuring Alecon lace, seed pearls and sequins. Her headpiece, an ivory silk headband woven with seed pearls, had an attached 3-layer fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of autumn-colored flowers including roses.

Constance Keene-Meyer, sister of the groom, was the matron of honor. Friends of the bride, Kirsten Bukowski,

Tammy Gasser and Selena Welch, acted as bridesmaids. They wore matching tea-length gowns of burgundy velvet, carrying bouquets of autumn flowers.

Robert Keene, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Barrie Cross, Lacy Stephan and Stacey Kent. Ushers were Travis Spierling and Lee Howard, Sr., and ring bearers were Troy and Tristan Spierling.

A reception was held after the ceremony, at Busa's Restaurant, joined by family and friends. They enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing.

The bride is a graduate of Pellston High School, and has her own daycare. The groom is a graduate of Grayling High School, and is employed at Hazlett Construction in Gaylord.

Special out-of-town guests traveled from Belleville, Dearborn, Detroit, Saline, Port Huron and San Francisco.

The newlyweds will be honeymooning in Cancun, Mexico, and now reside in Gaylord.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keene

Niewiarowski, Keene wed

Francine Marie Niewiarowski of Wyandotte, and Robert Stephen Keene of New Boston, were pronounced husband and wife on May 13, at First United Methodist Church in Wyandotte.

The bride is the daughter of Christine Niewiarowski of Wyandotte, and the late Frank Niewiarowski. The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Susan Keene of Frederic.

The bride wore a full-length, white silk Shantung gown, featuring a form-fitting bodice and a portrait collar. It was adorned with Alecon lace, seed pearls, and was hand-sewn by her sister, Maureen Baker of Wyandotte, the matron of honor.

The bride's mother custom-made a matching bow and chapel-length train to complement the gown.

Her headpiece also was custom-designed of Shantung silk, seed pearls and rhinestones. It featured a removable 3-layer fingertip veil.

She carried an arm bouquet of colorful spring flowers, including calla lilies, roses and tulips, adorned with a white cascading tulle bow and ivy.

The bride's sisters, Sharleen Niewiarowski Gocklin of Las Vegas, formerly of Wyandotte, and Kathleen and Colleen Niewiarowski, both of Wyandotte, served as bridesmaids.

Michael Keene of Gaylord, served as the best man.

Groomsmen were William Gocklin of Las Vegas, brother-in-law of the bride; Michael Lusch of Monroe; John Gilbert of Livonia, and Mark Hinderliter of Wyandotte.

Tiffany Baker, formerly of Wyandotte, and niece of the bride, was a junior bridesmaid. Joshua Meyer of Carleton, nephew of the bridegroom, served as the ring bearer.

A reception was held at Biddle Hall in Wyandotte, where the bride's mother blessed the couple in traditional Polish wedding style.

Following the ceremony, the newlyweds enjoyed a champagne toast, harp music and hors d'oeuvres aboard the Wyandotte trolley, where they toured the city along with the bridal party.

The bride is a graduate of Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School in Wyandotte, and she attended Michigan State University. She is a nuclear medicine technologist for Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Grayling High School, and attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids. He is a nuclear medicine technologist for Garden City Hospital.

Special out-of-town guests traveled from Melbourne, Florida, and Gaylord.

The newlyweds took a western Caribbean cruise, stopping in Cozumel, Grand Caymen, Jamaica and Haiti on their honeymoon. They reside in New Boston.

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Rep. Bart Stupak said recently, his district offices will serve as collection points for Christmas cards that district residents may wish to send to the troops who are part of the peacekeeping force in the Balkan nation.

These cards will then be collected and forwarded to military through the Escanaba office, as part of a program undertaken by Gary Bjorkquist, veterans counselor for the Michigan

Employment Security Commission in the Escanaba area.

The offices are located at the following sites: 111 E. Chisholm, Alpena, MI 49707; 2 S. Sixth St., Suite 3, Crystal Falls, MI 49920; 902 Ludington St., Escanaba, MI 49829; 1229 W. Washington, Marquette, MI 49855; and 1120 E. Front St., Suite D, Traverse City, MI 49868.

Cards also may be sent to Bjorkquist at his home, 527 N. Bluff Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837, or his office at P.O. Box 356, Escanaba, MI 49829.

Health Dept. sets clinics

District Health Department No. 1 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

Call for an appointment:
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Family Planning: Jan. 11 and 25.
Medicaid Screening: None this month.

Premarital Class: Jan. 17.
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Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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Average Base: ten inches packed base. Surface Conditions: 2.5 miles open, groomed, double set track, 12 ft. wide. Very good conditions. No trail fee.
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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Recend

Longdyke, Recend married

Under a rose-covered trellis, on Oct. 15, at the Victorian Palms, Roseville, California, Doreen Louise Longdyke became the bride of Daniel John Recend. The Reverend Michael Cook performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longdyke of Southfield, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John P. Recend of Roseville, California.

Escorted to the trellis, and given in marriage by her father, the bride was a picture of loveliness in a Victorian gown, capelet collar of Venetian lace, fitted bodice and sleeves and a full skirt of chantilly lace, tea length. Her Victorian hairdo was enhanced by a spray of cascading pearls, and she wore a wrist spray of roses and heather with scattered pearls. As something old, Doreen wore a gold heirloom heart bestowed to her by her mother.

Attending the bride as matrons of

honor were Marlene Bazdarick, and Doreen's sister, Joanne Cox. The ring bearer was Blair Bazdarick, god-daughter of the bride, and she carried the rings on a satin-ribboned pillow. Serving the groom as best man was John P. Recend, father of the groom. Cassie Recend, niece of the groom, attended the wedding guest book.

A cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres was held immediately following the ceremony.

Honored out-of-town guests were the bride's niece, Kellie Cox-Sosnowski of Sterling Hgts, and Ricardo Dailey of San Francisco, California.

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One travel agency reports winter bookings by state residents have kept agents busy, with Orlando, Las Vegas and the Caribbean among the top "hot spots" for Michigan travelers. Cruise sales at the agency are up 10 percent over last winter, and are proving to be a great bargain for travelers.

"With over 5,500 cruises available, the competition between cruise lines for passengers is fierce," said Bill Best, AAA Michigan travel director. "The bargains now being offered to entice new cruisers are better than anytime in history."

He added that first-time cruisers have been very attracted to short cruises and that several lines have responded by adding more 3- and 4-day sailings.

The blue waters and white sands of the Caribbean islands are luring sun-lovers to sign up for one of the many inexpensive charter deals now available. Although hurricanes caused devastation on a number of islands last

fall (hardest hit were St. Thomas, St. Maarten and Antigua), rebuilding efforts have been vigorous with most of the affected areas ready to welcome tourists back this winter.

Best recommends that Caribbean travelers visit their travel agent for the latest status reports on the islands.

It's also a good idea for those planning a winter escape to visit their travel agent to discover the wide range

of options and to book early for the best bargains.

"It's no longer true that travelers get the best deals at the last minute," Best said. "The best bargains—particularly cruise and airfare bargains—tend to be found by people who book trips far enough in advance."

Auto travel this winter is expected

to equal the previous year, based on AAA Triptik and routing requests prepared for members. The top auto destinations for Michigan travelers continue to be Florida, particularly Orlando and Tampa/St. Petersburg, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Routings to northwest Michigan will be in demand by winter-sports enthusiasts, especially if Mother Nature continues doing her part providing cold temperatures and plenty of snow.

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O.E.S. NEWS

At the regular meeting of Order of Eastern Stars, two drawings were held in the Christmas spirit.

A vesper service was held on Dec. 10, and the district officers put on the service, with local chapters in the district having members attending.

On Dec. 13, the study club was the subject of a Christmas luncheon, put on by the Eastern Stars. There were 90 present from the study club group.

Dec. 20, a school of instruction for the officers was held, in conjunction with Mio and Roscommon. It began with a potluck at 6 p.m., with school starting at 7 p.m.

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Modern snowmobiles are capable of high speeds, far beyond the abilities of an operator to react in order to avoid an accident. During the 1994-95 snowmobile season, 18 snowmobile fatalities were reported to the DNR. Of these 18 fatalities, more than 50 percent were documented as resulting

from excessive speed, alcohol or operating on the roadway.

For safe and enjoyable snowmobiling, observe these safety guidelines:

- Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition. Mechanical failures can cause accidents or leave you stranded in severe weather.
- Always wear protective clothing, including a helmet, eye protection, gloves and insulated boots.
- Avoid crossing frozen bodies of water, but if you must travel on ice with a group, don't ride single file.

- Always be alert to avoid fences and low-strung wires, which can cause serious injuries. Avoid depressions in the snow, which can hide deep holes or drop-offs.
- Never operate on a street or highway. This is dangerous, and prohibited by state law.
- Keep headlights and taillights on at all times, to see where you're going, and to let others see you. This is also required by state law.
- When approaching an intersection,

always come to a complete stop, stand up, and look and listen for oncoming traffic.

- Always check the weather before you leave, and don't go out in weather that compromises driving safety, or is dangerously cold.
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Avalanche announces early deadlines for holidays

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Monday, December 25, for Christmas, and reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, December 26. The deadline for full page, half page, or color display ads, for the December 28 issue, must be turned in by Wednesday, 5 p.m., December 20. The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is 5 p.m. Thursday, December 21. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Thursday noon, December 21, to be considered for the next issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by Friday noon, December 22. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon.

The Avalanche will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 1996, in observance of New Year's Day. The deadline for full page, half page, or color display ads, for the January 4 issue, will be 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 27. The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is 5 p.m. Thursday, December 28. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by noon Friday to be considered for the next issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by Tuesday noon, January 2. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon.

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Winter registration set at KCC

Registration for the winter semester at Kirtland Community College is set for Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 10 and 11, between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Classes begin Friday, Jan. 12.

While many returning students and some new students have already registered, "the majority of those planning to attend the college will register for classes on those days," said Dean of Student Services, Cary Vajda. "We expect our enrollment for the semester, including full and part-time students to be about 1,500."

Vajda said new college students must take an ASSET Placement Test prior to registration. The ASSET testing helps to determine the new students' skills so the college can assist them in selecting appropriate classes.

Those who wish to take the ASSET testing early may schedule an appointment with Student Services (517) 275-5121, ext. 280. The tests will be given in Room 214, in the Administration Building on the Kirtland campus on Friday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m.; and, again on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. in Rooms 132 and 133. Appointments are not required for new students who wish to take their ASSET test on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 10 and 11, during the registration period.

Vajda offered these reminders and suggestions to students preparing to attend Kirtland:

- Pick up and review a copy of the winter schedule. It's available in the Administration Building and contains a listing of courses offered by the college with the day, time, location and cost of each course. Ask to have one mailed if you can't get to the college to pick one up. There is also information on how to enroll and about the various supportive services provided by the college, including financial assistance.

- Remember that tuition and fees are due at the time of registration. Tuition is \$46 per credit hour for in-district students and \$63 per credit hour for out-of-district students.

- To confirm residency in the Kirtland district, students must show two items of identification, which may include a driver's license, voter's registration card, Secretary of State identification card, a rent receipt (with address on it) or a property-tax statement.

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Section B- Crawford County Avalanche



Christmas E M E M B E R



DONNING THEIR SANTA HATS — The Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office Staff try on their Santa hats as they wish the citizens of Crawford County a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Employees of Crawford County will be celebrating this festive holiday season on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 12 to 2 p.m. Pictured are (l. to r.) Sandy Moore, Joyce Easterly, Chris Brackenbury, Louanne Leonard, Karen Martella, Mike Dunchel, Linda Jorgenson and Linda Franklin.

My favorite Christmas memory

By Annetta Makowski

When I was a child, I looked forward to the Christmas holidays at my Hungarian-Slovakian grandparents' home. All the aunts and uncles, 11 in all, and more than 45 grandchildren would go.

As each person passed the threshold, they emptied their pockets of their silver coins and placed these coins in a large bowl of water by the door. As each person washed their hands in this bowl, they were symbolically reminded that they would have money in their hands the following year.

My grandparents' home was a two-story, six bedroom, one bathroom home that barely seemed to hold everyone. Everywhere there were adults and children eating homemade ethnic dishes of chicken paprikash, soups, stuffed cabbages, chow-chow, salads and other scrumptious dishes.

These were followed by my favorite treat, nut rolls. The kids preferred the walnut ones, while my aunts and uncles liked the poppy seed or prune kiftis. My aunt Mary would make her famous cake with cream cheese frosting and covered with chopped nuts and maraschino cherries.

Afterwards the kids would run around and play in all the rooms while the adults talked and the grandparents opened gifts.

Soon it was our turn for fun. The coins by the door were dried and mixed with hard Christmas candies, nuts and a dollar bill wrapped in tinfoil. When all the 45 grandkids were assembled with the littlest in front and the oldest in back, the lights were dimmed, the only light came from the Christmas

tree in the living room corner.

At the count of three, the money and candy were tossed to the ceiling and rained down on all of us. The screams, yells and laughter would vibrate off the walls as the children scrambled around looking for treats. Suddenly, one child would hold up the dollar bill in the tinfoil and say, "I got it!"

Everyone would watch as the kids

counted their change and exchanged candies. I always wanted the nuts and one year, I got the dollar!

When my child was born, I continued the tradition. Now that he is a teen, I'll have to wait for a grandchild.

This year you'll find the bowl by the door waiting for silver coins and continuing one of my favorite Christmas traditions.

Christmas Trivia

1. What was the name of the horse that pulled the one-horse sleigh in the Christmas carol, 'Jingle Bells'?
2. What do the gifts in the first four days of Christmas have in common in the Christmas carol, 'Twelve Days of Christmas'?
3. What is the name of the Christmas carol that begins, 'Chestnuts roasting on an open fire'?
4. What would you say if you ever saw Rudolph's nose?
5. What are the names of Santa's eight reindeer?

Our first Christmas

By Linda Sherwood

In December of 1991 my husband, Steve, and I had our first Christmas together, complete with our own decorations and tree. The tree was all decked out and finished with red bows that helped hide the fact that the branches weren't as full of decorations as I was use to.

In front of the tree was a little red ladder that Santa and three elves climbed as they helped decorate the tree. The tree itself was a beautiful, full, Douglas Fir that my husband and I had cut down. Under the tree were

many presents for each other and quite often our cat, Tigger.

This beautiful tree sat in the "front room" of our first house. This was the house that was heated only by a wood stove, which made for freezing mornings. The furniture in the front room was unmatched hand-me-downs from relative's odds and ends.

And in the middle of all of that ugly furniture and unfinished walls that made up our first home, Steve and I exchanged gifts on the cold Christmas morning in front of a beautiful Christmas tree.

A Christmas 'exchange'

By Florian Hudert

Florian is an exchange student staying with Mike Scheerer. He will be returning to Germany Jan. 10. Florian has lived the past five years in Argentina and shares memories of celebrating Christmas in both countries.

At home, in Germany, we usually had a real tree with real candles. That is probably what I miss most. We only burned it twice. Once Christmas Eve and then the next day. We put the tree up on Christmas Eve so we don't have it burning all December.

On Christmas Day we would go to church. When we came back, we would light the candles on the tree, sing Christmas songs and open presents. Later we would have Christmas dinner. We would spend the next two days visiting with family.

In Argentina our celebration depended on the temperature. Summer break in Argentina is in December, January and February. Usually Christmas time is very hot and humid. I would celebrate Christmas by spending it in the pool.

A 'Kitchen' Christmas, Mexican style

By Kellie Kitchen

We had a "Kitchen" Christmas last year, Mexican style. My husband, Todd, made homemade corn chips served warm with salsa and fresh guacamole, which the adults washed down with a margarita or Corona beer.

We made spicy chicken and ground sirloin tacos — hard and soft shelled, with all the fixings, rice and pinto beans (refried and not out of a can!).

Our little boys, Mitchell and Sean, greeted our guests (Kitchen kin) in sombreros and, of course, we had pinatas. Our table was beautifully set complete with colorful antique Mexican tablecloths and napkins.

In all it was very festive and we all enjoyed a refreshing change from the traditional Christmas dinner.

Pictured at right are Mitchell and Sean enjoying their Mexican-style Christmas.



Christmas programs at Calvary Baptist

By Nita Galloway Wynn
of Newark, Delaware

One of my best Christmas memories of childhood in Grayling is the Christmas program at Calvary Baptist Church in the 1950s. The church bus picked us up to attend Sunday School throughout the year and as we entered the winter months, the excitement of the Sunday School Christmas program was the highlight of the Christmas season.

I remember the fun of being in the Christmas pageants with everyone busy with costumes and scenery and props. The teachers making sure we knew our lines. I remember the church being full with proud parents waiting to see their child "shine."

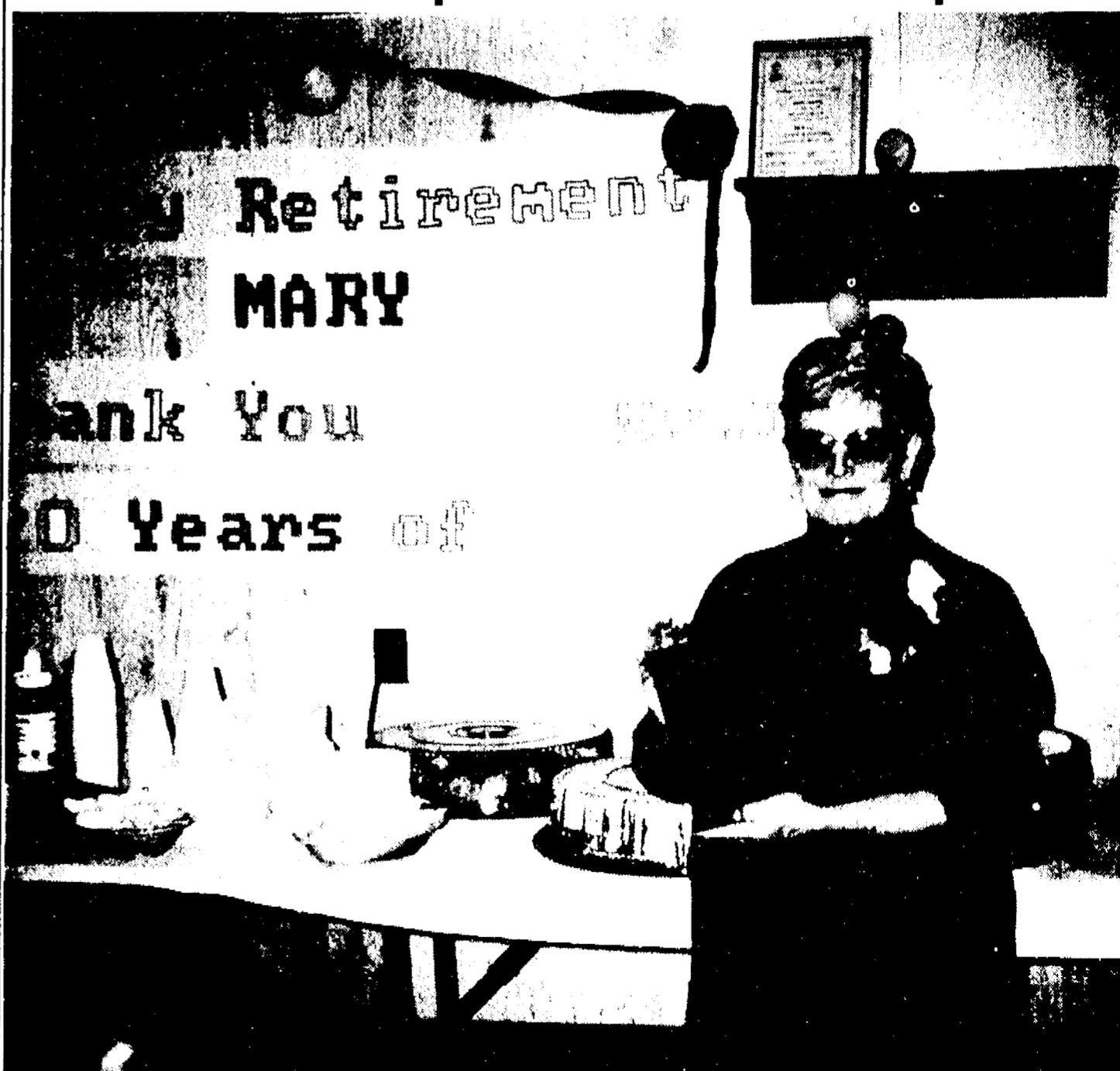
Best of all, for this kid, receiving a bag of candy and fruit on the way out at the end of the evening. I've always wanted to thank Mae Neiderer and Ted McEvers, they are the adults I remember always being there and

seeing that we were able to take part in activities.

As an adult with children in the same programs, I know now there are many more people involved in Sunday School Christmas pageants, but they are the people I remember.

The memories of those early Calvary Baptist Christmas programs are very near and dear to my heart this time of year, and it helps me to keep in mind whose birthday we are celebrating and the real meaning of the season.

Osga honored for 20 years of service on Frederic Twp. Ambulance Corp



Mary Osga was honored for her 20 years of service with the Frederic Township Ambulance Corp in November.

Osga started in 1974 after taking a first aid course. She later completed advanced first aid. When she retired in 1995, Osga was certified as an emergency medical technician.

"I loved working on the ambu-

lance corp," said Osga. "I wish I would have known how much I liked it in my earlier years. I would have tried to go into the field more."

Osga's children, grandchildren, members of the ambulance crew and several members of the fire department gathered at the Frederic Township Hall to say farewell to Osga

upon her retirement. She decided to retire due to health reasons. She has arthritis in her knee.

She still continues to work at Jones Lake AIS home for the physically and mentally handicapped. She has worked there for 15 years. In her spare time, Osga enjoys her grandchildren.



Answers to Christmas Trivia

1. Bohtail
2. They are all birds.
3. The Christmas Song
4. 'It glows.'
5. Dasher, Dancer, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Prancer and Vixen.

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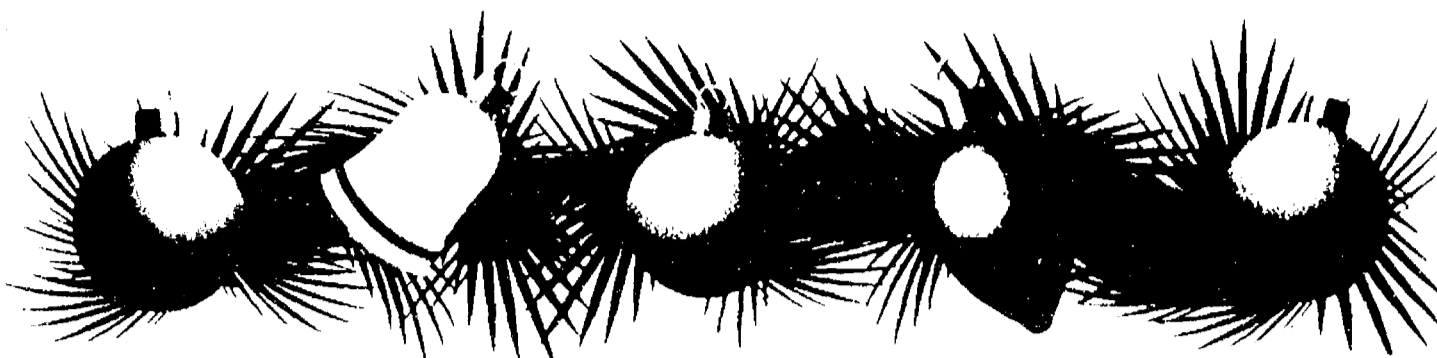
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Thompson, GES assistant principal

By Nancy Lemmen

Long-time Grayling resident Ellen Thompson was hired to fill the newly created assistant principal position at Grayling Elementary School, whose student population has grown to 605. She also has been charged with curricular responsibilities for the Crawford AuSable School District.

Thompson, the daughter of William and Ruth O'Mara, graduated from Grayling High School. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Alma College with a major in education, and a master of arts from Central Michigan University in educational administration.

She taught mathematics, English and fifth grade at Grayling Middle School for seven and a half years, then spent three years as principal of the Lewiston School, a K-8 building in the Johannesburg-Lewiston School District.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work and learn with the terrific staff and students in my own community," said Thompson about her move back to Grayling.

When the new primary building is completed, Principal Barbara Miek will move to that school, and Thompson will become principal of Grayling Elementary, which will serve upper elementary students.



NEW GES ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Ellen Thompson, assistant principal at Grayling Elementary School, discusses plans for the new primary building with Paige Conway (fourth grade), Brittany Yanniello (fourth grade), Rande Reynolds (third grade) and Roger Burnett (fourth grade).

"I hope to help create a school program specially suited to students in grades three-five," said Thompson.

She is actively involved in the community, as an organist at St. Mary's Church and as a member of both the Grayling Youth Booster Club and the Kiwanis Club of Grayling.

Thompson's husband Jon is an English instructor at Kirtland Community College, and sons Jason (senior) and Eric (freshman) attend Grayling High School.

The activities she said take up most of her free time are running, biking and "sitting in bleachers (watching her sons play ball)."

LEARNING ABOUT THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY LIVE

— Miss Laughton, a student teacher in Mrs. Rauch-Smock's second grade class, taught a unit on Native Americans. Specifically tribes that live in Michigan. After completing the unit, Amy Barber from Kirtland Community College and Patty Quinlan from the Crawford AuSable School District came in and explained a variety of artifacts and helped the students make a cultural craft. The students were captivated by the whole day.



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Michael D. Moore
Director

Football Contest

Kyle Bond won this week's football contest with 35 points, beating out Kenneth Conklin who had 34 out of a possible 36 points.

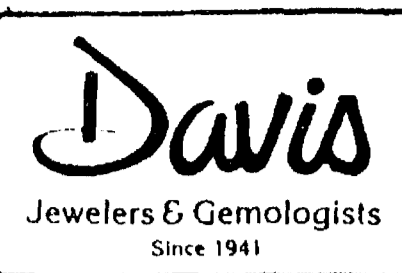
There were 169 entries this week. The top contenders in the overall contest for this week are;

Irving McIsaac, 261 Kenneth Conklin, 252 Jacquie Glander, 248
D. J. Metzger, 255 Mary Gothro, 252 Dave Peterson, 246
Mike Harmer, 253 Louise Hatfield, 252 Mike Brandel, 245
Kimberly Curtis, 250

Last week's winning teams were;

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2. Pittsburgh	9. Chicago (5 pts.)	16. Cleveland
3. Green Bay	10. Washington (58)	17. San Diego
4. Buffalo	11. Kansas City	18. Kansas City (5 pts.)
5. Cleveland (5 pts.)	12. San Diego (5 pts.)	19. Houston
6. Houston	13. Dallas	20. Seattle (54)
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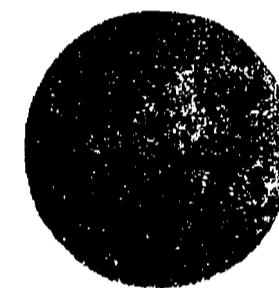
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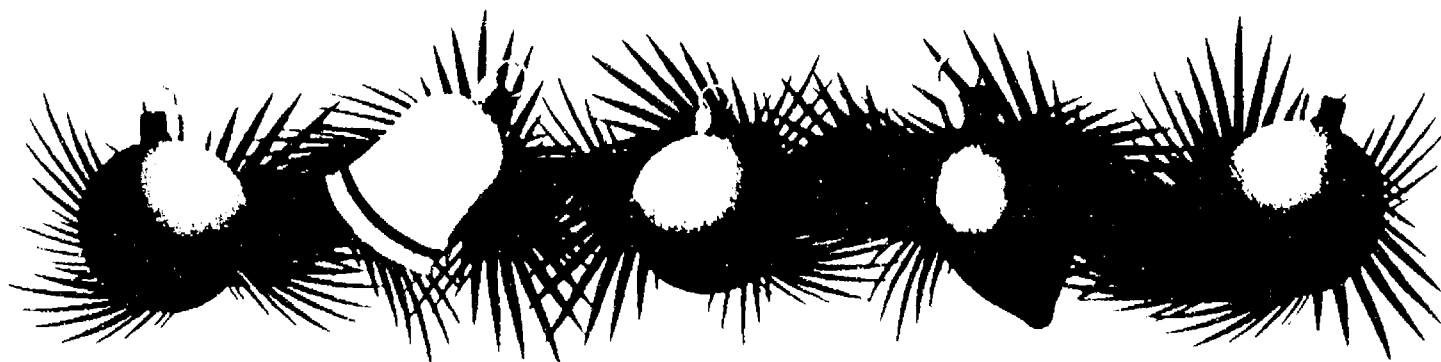
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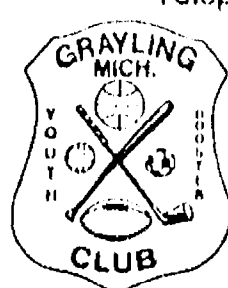
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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Mystery of Christmas

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." (1 Timothy 3:16) Jesus Christ was eternal God before He took a human body in the womb of the virgin Mary. When His future birth in Bethlehem was prophesied in *Micah 5:2*, He was described as eternal, "...whose going forth [have been] from of old, from everlasting." After His human birth, when His age was questioned, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." He claimed not only to be older than father Abraham, but to be as old as eternal God. Because He is the great "I am" or eternal God. That is why He said in *Revelation 1:8*: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and

which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

Jesus Christ was first prophesied to come as the seed of woman in *Genesis 3:15*. This prophecy was made more clear in *Isaiah 7:14*: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The virgin birth of Jesus Christ claimed to fulfill this prophecy in *Matthew 1:23*: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." The details of the conception of Jesus Christ were revealed to Mary in *Luke 1:35*: "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

In Jesus Christ we see the perfect Godman of the prophecy of *Isaiah 9:6*: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His

name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." He was both an eternal Son given and a human child born combined into one person, the Godman.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill three offices as prophet, priest and king. "And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood." (*Revelation 1:5*) As prophet He is the faithful witness, as priest, He died for our sins shedding His own blood, and King He is coming again to rule and reign for a thousand years from Jerusalem! This is the mystery of Christmas!

Pastor "B"

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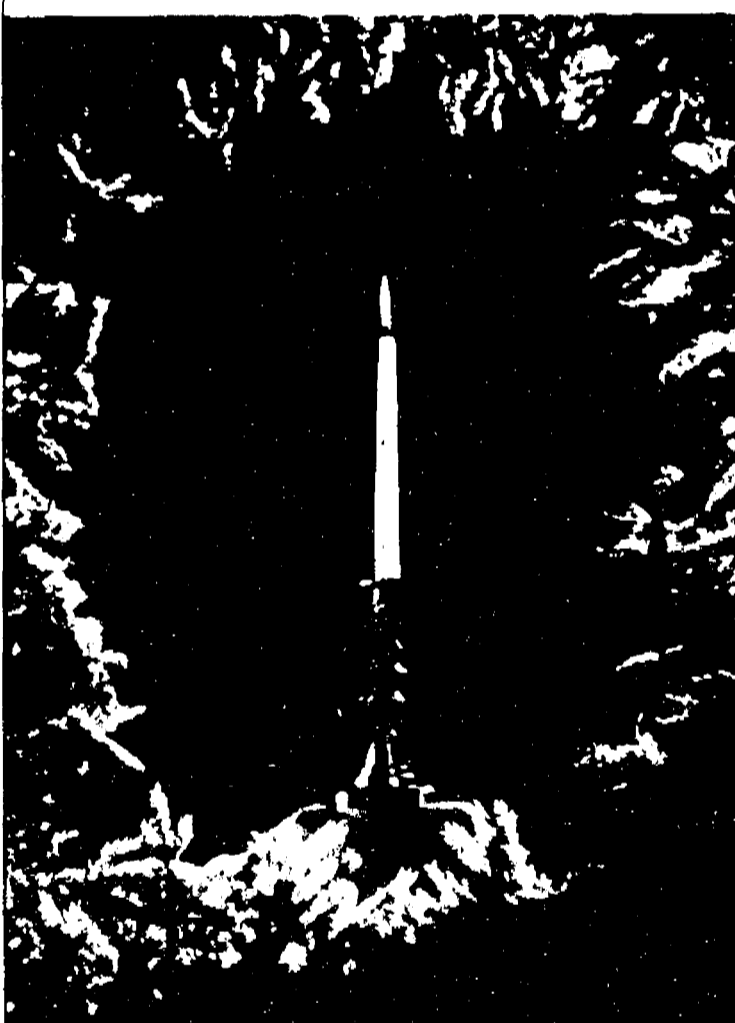
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Luke 1:39-56

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5. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

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2. You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
3. The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

For the winners of last week's game, see page 3B

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Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____
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Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 10) _____

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Holiday entertaining trends and tips

A recent nationwide survey conducted for the American Dairy Association revealed these holiday entertaining trends:

•Most Americans do entertain during the holidays. Seventy-six percent of survey respondents entertain at holiday time, most having guests over between two to five times from post-Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve.

•Sit-down meals are preferred by 52 percent of respondents; buffet meals by 34 percent.

•Smaller parties are in! The majority (slightly over half) host on the average from five to 10 people (including family members) for holiday get-togethers. Only 5 percent claim to host more than 20 people.

•"Home-cooked" and "special" describe holiday meal preparation. Only 24 percent of survey respondents say they use convenience foods at holiday time. Most (71 percent) say they prepare the majority of their holiday food.

•Family favorites top the list of most-used holiday entertaining recipes. Additional recipe sources include: cookbooks, friends, magazines and newspapers.

•Cheese is sure to please, say 96 percent of respondents who cite this food as "often used" during the holidays. Another dairy favorite, butter, was acknowledged by 90 percent. Eggnog and whipped cream were recognized as holiday-season favorites.

Make the holiday meal presentation more festive with holiday-shaped

butter pats. To make, spread softened butter (on a waxed paper-lined cookie sheet) to about 1/4 inch thickness. Refrigerate until firm. Using small holiday shaped cookie cutters, cut butter into shapes. With spatula, carefully transfer to plate; cover and refrigerate until needed.

Dress up the holiday bread and butter plate by adding gourmet flair to plain pats of butter. Top butter pats with small parsley, cilantro or basil leaves or small sprigs of rosemary or thyme.

The first U.S. creamery was built in 1871, in Iowa, taking butter-making out of the hands of home cooks and into commercial production.

The recorded history of butter dates back as far as 2000 B.C.

Add pizzazz to purchased eggnog by stirring in one of the following to taste: coffee-flavored liqueur; or a flavored syrup such as hazelnut, vanilla, almond or chocolate. Top with grated nutmeg, grated semi-sweet chocolate or a softly-whipped cream.

Need a quick holiday dessert? Pull butter cookies from the freezer, or purchase from the bakery. Serve with cranberry or raspberry sorbet garnished with a mint leaf.

Short on time? Bar cookies are the easiest to bake and dress up. To give them a festive touch:

•drizzle with melted milk, semi-

sweet or white chocolate;

•pipe a small buttercream holly leaf onto individual brownies;

•dust with confectioners' sugar.

(Look for the new flavored confectioners' sugars in the grocery store, too.)

Looking for an easy, but special breakfast idea for holiday guests? Set out an assortment of bagels and spreads. Include flavored cream cheeses and butters and offer coffee, juice and hot chocolate. (Did you know that Americans now consume over 5 million bagels per year?)

Cookies have been around in one form or another since the third century B.C.

Eggnog is traditionally served in the U.S. at Christmas time, but the word "nog" is an Old English term for ale. In America, the first recorded printing of the word "nog" was in 1775. Eggnog has also been called "egg pop."

The word "kringle" has several meanings. One is a lemon-flavored Christmas cookie; the name is derived from the German "Christkinlein," which means "gifts of the Christ Child." Kringle also describes a multi-layered pastry with fruit or nut fillings (a specialty of the city of Racine, Wisconsin—sometimes called "Kringleville" because of its large Danish immigrant population who called cookies and tea cakes made with butter "Kringles"). Kris Kringle

is also an early name for Saint Nicholas or Santa Claus.

For holiday french toast, dip thick-cut french bread slices in eggnog instead of the usual egg-milk mixture. Serve with cranberry sauce or preserves and butter flavored with honey and grated nutmeg.

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The students had been studying about the community and the services it provides. They decided they wanted to give back to the community and help it continue to be a nice place to live. The students held a bake sale and earned \$137.

To help them decide what to do with the money, the students invited Michelle Parker of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce to help them decide where to donate the money. She suggested several organizations that could use their financial help.

A big factor in the students decisions was need versus want. They decided that the community Thanksgiving dinner is where the money

would be best put to work.

Theresa Kaiser, who chaired the dinner, came into the class and discussed the purpose of the dinner. The students were so excited about this project they asked if they could come on Thanksgiving Day and help.

The students each made a table decoration and banner to hang at the dinner. They also helped with serving the meal. It was a wonderful learning experience for each of the students.

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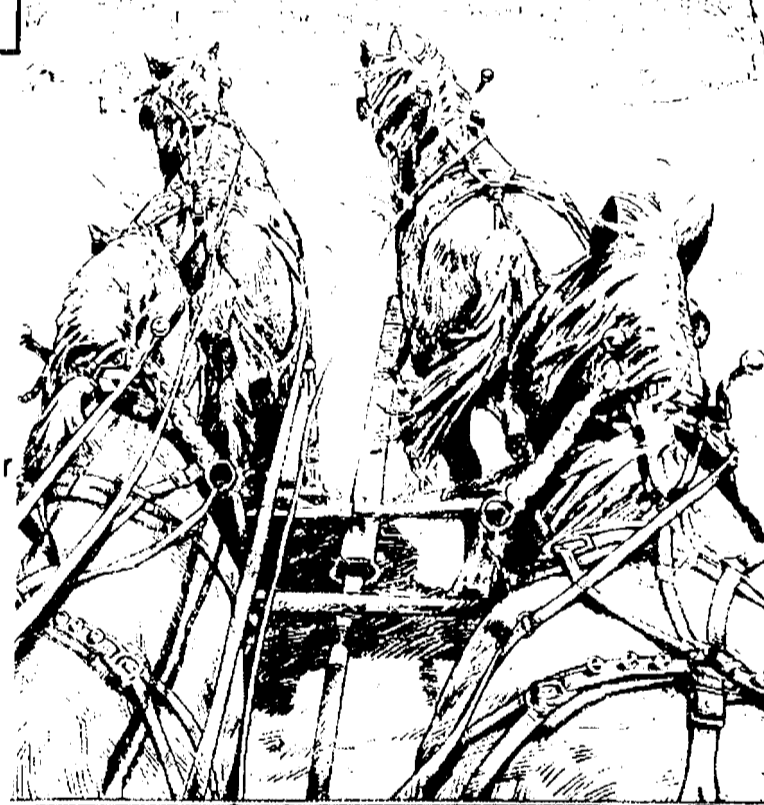
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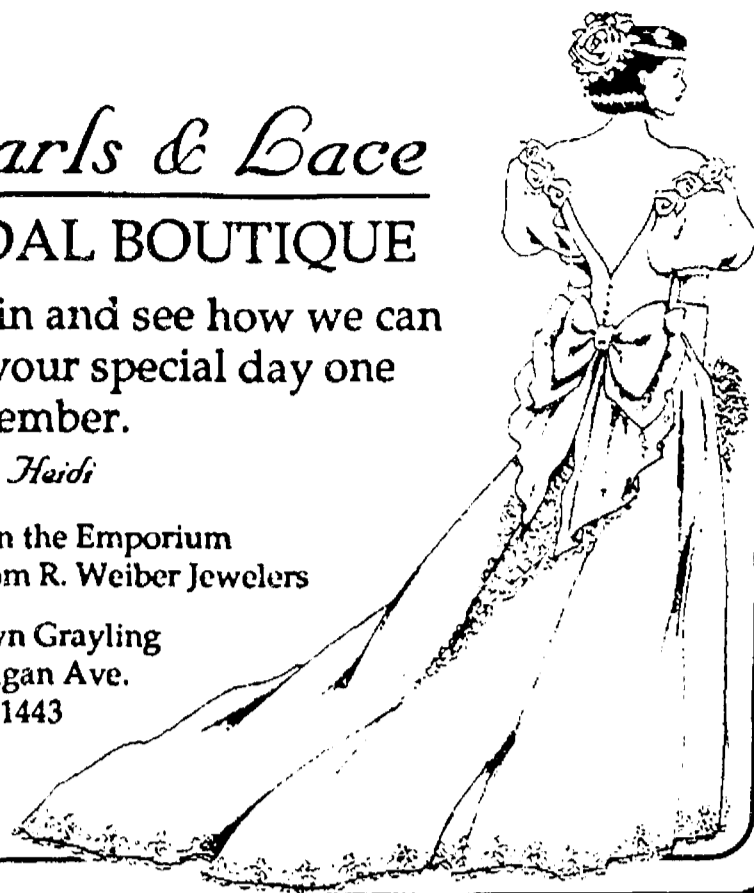
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STORY TIME OR MEAL TIME —

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: May the blessings of this holiday season be with you all. Merry Christmas!

The Christmas dinners were a huge success, and a large turnout of hearty seniors came and had a delicious dinner of rock cornish hens, dressing and trimmings, plus cherry pie. Jerry and his crew did an outstanding job, and we had great help with the set-up, serving and clean-up from the boys from Shawono for the 1 p.m. dinner, and from the Girl Scouts at the 5 p.m. dinner. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who assisted in making these dinners possible. In alphabetical order they are: Virginia and Willard Bowling, Don Gunterman, Jeannette Honor, Beulah King, Delores Kinnison, Violet La Fountain, Helen and John Leykauf, Marion Mapes, Eloise Mize, Gordon Schaible, Joan Sullivan, Vera Wilson, and all the guys and gals that carted chairs back and forth. Thanks a million! (and please excuse me if I left anyone off the list!)

We were especially happy to see such a turnout from an adult foster home. This was one of the main reasons for the split dinners, so that Dial-A-Ride could help with transportation. All in all, we had over 170 people

attend the dinners, and 80+ for the dancing. Such a good time for all!

New Year's bash on the 28th at 5:30 p.m., with dancing and ringing out the old and ringing in the new! 7 p.m. is our "midnight," and we hope that everyone has a safe and happy new year!

Winter is upon us in great fervor, but come when you can. Keptuned in the mornings to see if the schools are closed, because that will be an indicator that the Senior Center will be closed also. Our motto is, if the roads are bad for the school buses to travel, then they are bad for seniors to be traveling into the center for activities or meals. If you have any questions or concerns, call the center anyway, because there will be someone manning the phones, 348-7123.

We would like to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas from all of us at

the COA and senior center. Have a marvelous holiday, and the center will open for business on Dec. 26.

There could be a lot more people enjoying themselves if they would take advantage of activities that are offered through the Commission on Aging and Senior Citizen Center. Keep checking this column as well as the Senior Gazette, our monthly news bulletin and give us a call. We can give you more information, sign you up, or just chat about something that might interest you. Stop in or give us a call at 348-7123.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, it is really the best deal in town. Any senior, or spouse, that is 60 or more is welcome, and bring your friends and families. With the new funding year upon us, the required donation for seniors remains the same, at \$1.50, however, the charge for those under

60 goes up to \$3.

Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins — but for the most part, try to call ahead (348-7123). Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

Lunch/Dinner

- Dec. 20-Pepper Steak/BBQ Chicken;
- Dec. 21-Baked Ham/Salisbury Steak;
- Dec. 22-BBQ Beef/No Dinner;
- Dec. 23-Christmas Day—The Center Is Closed;
- Dec. 24-Buffet/No Dinner;
- Dec. 25-Christmas Day—The Center Is Closed;
- Dec. 26-Beef Stew/Kielbasa Baked Dinner;
- Dec. 27-Beef Parmesan/Salmon Patties;
- Dec. 28-Country Pork/BBQ Chicken;
- Dec. 29-Ham Loaf/No Dinner.

THE GARDEN CORNER

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Living Christmas tree needs special handling

Some people see buying a living Christmas tree and planting it outdoors after the holiday as a great 2-for-1 deal. Others want to use a living tree to memorialize a particularly significant Christmas, such as little Jason or Jessica's first Christmas, or the first holiday spent in the new house.

Whatever your reason for buying and planting a live tree, you want it to survive in the landscape.

You can improve its chances by giving it some special handling before and after planting.

Mel Koelling, extension forestry specialist at Michigan State University, explains that spending many days in warm temperatures indoors will cause a living tree to break dormancy. This makes it susceptible to damage by freezing temperatures when it goes back outside.

To keep the tree dormant, keep it

indoors for no longer than seven to 10 days, Koelling advises. Put it in the coolest possible location indoors, well away from heat sources such as furnace registers, fireplaces and sunny south-facing windows. To reduce the shock of the transition from outdoors to indoors, move it in stages—give it a day or two on an enclosed, but unheated porch, or in a garage or breezeway before you bring it into a heated area. Ease it back outdoors the same way.

For a living tree, look for a small white or blue spruce, Douglas fir or white pine, Koelling suggested. In recent years, small Fraser firs have also gained in popularity, he noted.

"A balled-and-burlapped tree should have 6 to 9 inches of burlap-covered root ball for every inch of trunk diameter," he pointed out, "so a large tree with an adequate root ball would be too heavy to move in and out of the

home."

To keep the roots moist, place the root ball in a container with a drainage hole and a pan underneath, so you can water it without drowning the roots. Warm, dry air will quickly dry out the foliage—occasional misting may help keep it fresh.

After the holidays, plant the tree in a site that meets the tree's requirements for drainage, exposure to sunlight and growing room. Either dig the hole ahead of time and store the soil where it won't freeze, or heavily mulch the planting site to keep the ground from freezing so you can dig the hole in late December.

The hole should be half again as wide as the root ball, and deep enough so that the tree sits at the same depth at which it had been growing. Make sure you remove any wires or plastic cords or other non-biodegradable materials from the root ball before planting so they don't strangle the tree as it grows. Real burlap or papier-mache containers can be left on because they'll rot and pose no problem to plant growth.

Water the newly-planted tree thoroughly after planting. Shield it from direct sun and drying wind with burlap or canvas supported by stakes, or wrap the entire tree with burlap. Remove the burlap by the first of April.

During the tree's first year in the landscape, water every seven to 10 days. During extended dry spells, more frequent watering may be necessary. Like any other newly planted ornamental, your living Christmas tree has a small root system and limited ability to take up water to replace what it loses through its foliage.

Be careful not to overwater, however—let the soil dry between waterings.

"For the most part, the trees used as living Christmas trees don't tolerate a lot of water around their roots," Koelling pointed out. "The roots need air to grow, as well as water, and roots in saturated soil tend to rot."

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

What's on ice...

All the deer seasons are about over for one more year, and some great seasons they were. Now the ice fishing is taking the spotlight with good ice on Lake Margrethe. They seem to be catching some walleye and northern pike. Also, Higgins Lake has some ice now, at least in some places, but, be careful down there. Rumor has it that they are getting some good catches of nice perch, and they always catch some nice trout along the dropoffs on the first ice.

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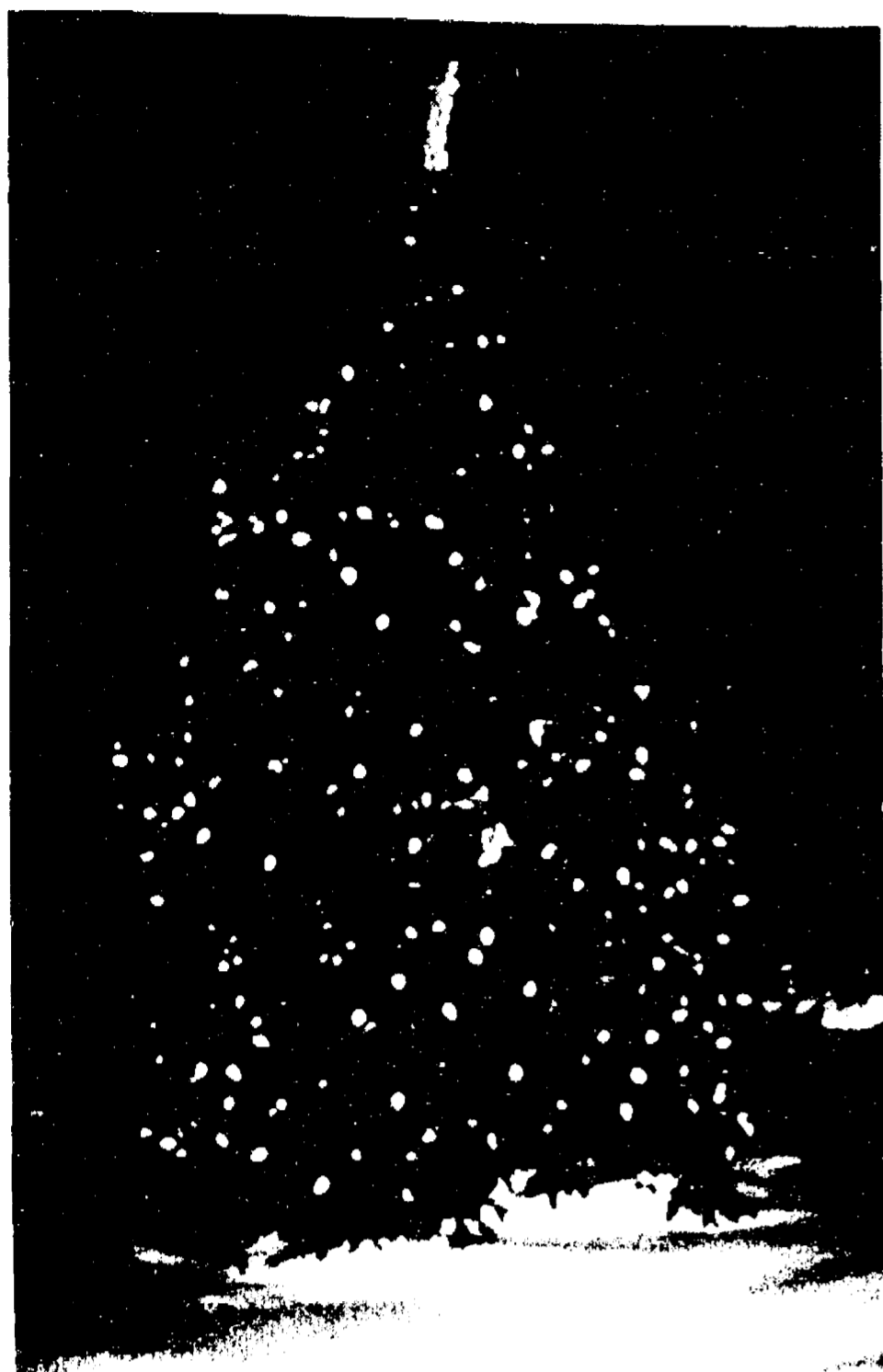
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Lights of Love Tree lighting held at Mercy



LIGHTS OF LOVE--The Mercy Hospital Lights of Love Tree, illuminated on Friday, Dec. 15, shines brightly in memory of loved ones. The annual Mercy Lights of Love fundraiser has raised thousands of dollars through the years for Mercy Hospital.

Hundreds of colorful lights were illuminated on Friday evening, Dec. 15, when the Lights of Love Tree ceremony was held at Mercy Hospital.

Donors, Auxilians and hospital representatives were on hand for the annual tree lighting that symbolizes love and tribute to our loved ones. Children from the Frederic Elementary School Choir performed Christmas music before the tree was officially lit for the holiday season.

As of Friday, \$5,617 was donated through the Auxiliary's Lights of Love fundraiser. A check for \$10,500 was presented to Dennis Renander, Mercy chief executive officer. This was the final installment of an over \$30,000 pledge made to Mercy Manor for improvements there. Auxilians will

begin the 1996 year raising money for other worthwhile projects at the hospital.

The Lights of Love Tree was planted in memory of retired physician Dr. Charles Oppy, MD. The lights are donated for \$5 each in memory or tribute to individuals. A complete list of honorees is now on display in the front lobby of Mercy Hospital. Golden and Silver Donors are acknowledged there as well.

Following the tree-lighting ceremony, donors were invited to the hospital for a reception featuring home-baked cookies and music from the Michelson Memorial Methodist Church Handbell Choir. Be sure and drive by Mercy Hospital this holiday season and see your love light shine.



JOY TO THE WORLD--Students from Frederic Elementary School kicked off the lighting ceremony with a variety of Christmas carols.

Kirtland announces 1996 reading series

The English Department and Fine Arts Department of Kirtland Community College are proud to announce the line-up for the Winter 1996 *Controlled Burn* Reading Series. Kirtland is proud to bring up four nationally-recognized authors to its Roscommon campus.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, acclaimed fiction writer Reginald McKnight will perform at Kirtland. McKnight is the author of two collections of short stories, *Moustapha's Eclipse* and *The Kind of Light That Shines on Texas*, and the novel *I Get on the Bus*. He's also published in a number of literary magazines, and his work is highly regarded throughout the country. McKnight has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Whiting Foundation and has received numerous awards and prizes for his work, including an O. Henry Award.

On Wednesday, March 6, Alma College professor and short-story writer Randi Davenport will appear at Kirtland and help celebrate the release of the second issue of Kirtland's national literary magazine, *Controlled Burn*, in which one of her new stories appears. Davenport's work has appeared in numerous magazines, and she is currently at work on a collection of short stories.

On March 25, award-winning poet Cornelius Eady will read at Kirtland on a special Monday-night event. Eady's books include *Kartunes*, *Victims of the Latest Dance Craze* (which received the Academy of American Poets' Lamont Prize for a second book), *The Gathering of My Name*, and 1995's *You Don't Forget Your Water*. Eady has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York Council for the Arts, as well as

from the Guggenheim Foundation and other prestigious arts organizations.

And lastly--celebrating National Poetry Month--on Wednesday, April 10, Kirtland presents Vietnam-veteran poet Bruce Weigl. Weigl, who's sudden illness last November prevented him from coming last semester, will read from a new book coming out this spring, *Sweet Lorraine*. His other books include *A Sack Full of Old Quarrels*, *The Monkey Wars*, *A Romance*, *Song of Napalm*, and the acclaimed *What Saves Us*. Weigl's work is known around the world for its look at the Vietnam era and the Vietnam conflict with vitality and compassion. His awards are numerous and include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts.

All the literary events at Kirtland are free, open to the public, and include a question-and-answer session at 4 p.m. in the Kirtland academic building,

and a reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Center on College Drive. Books by the authors are available for perusal at the Kirtland library, and for sale at the Kirtland bookstore, and at the events themselves.

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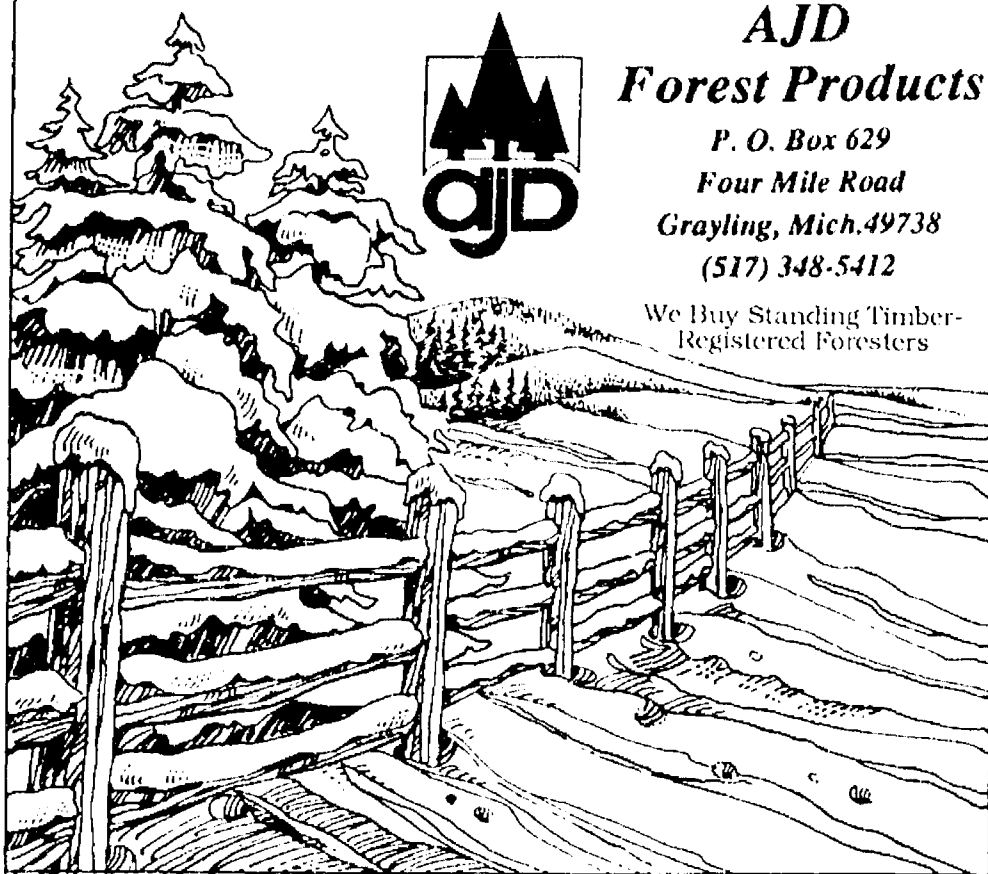
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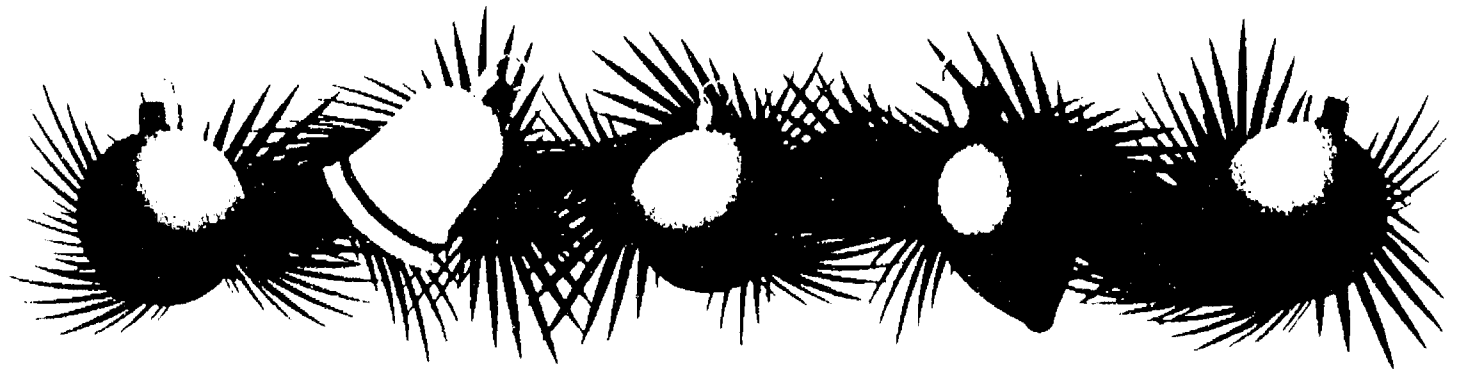
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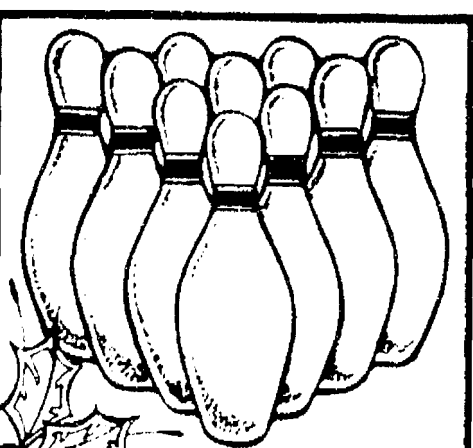
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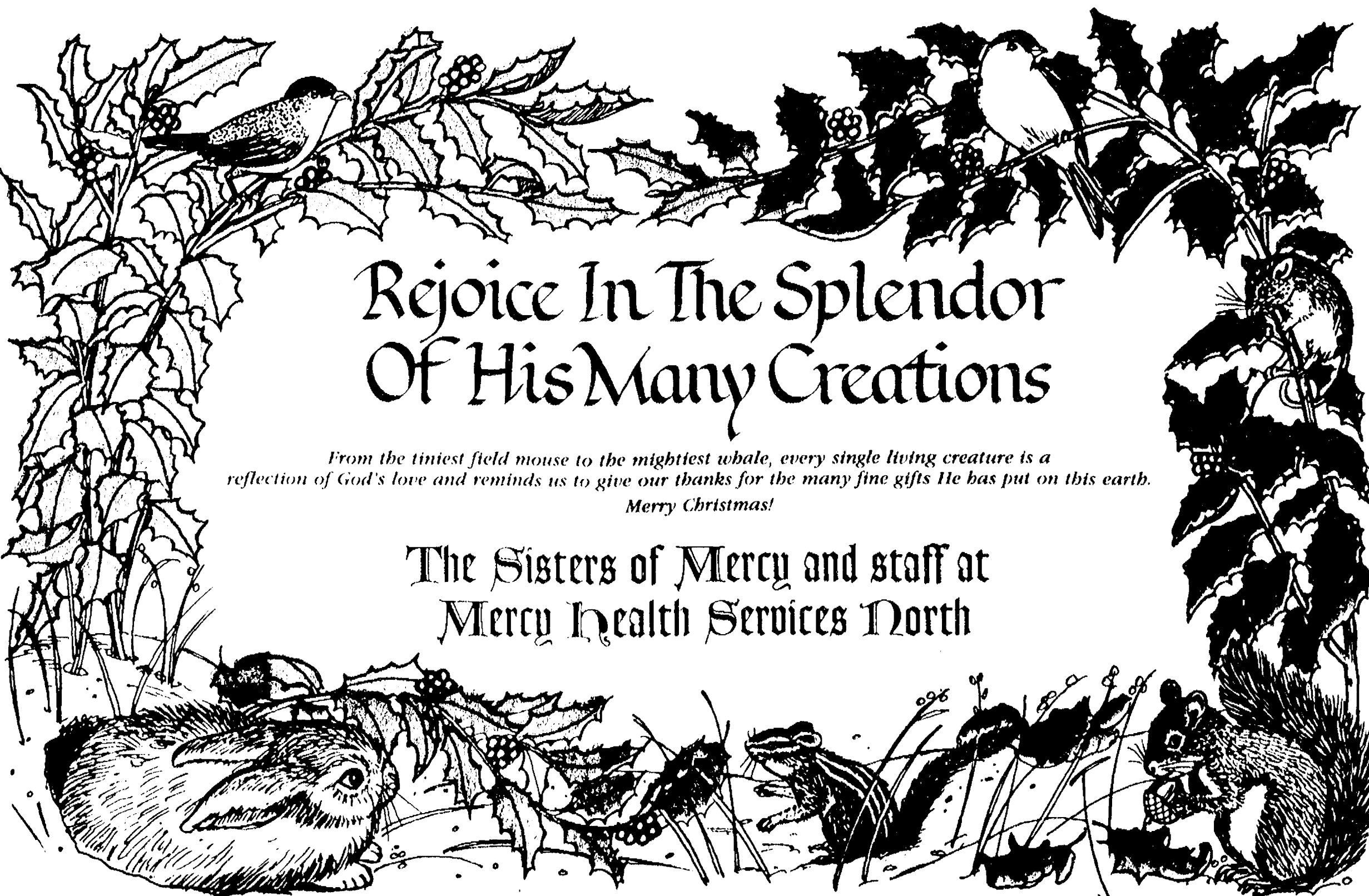
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By Charles Tinsley,
Cadillac Social Security Representative

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If these are the kinds of situations that match your circumstances, this is the time of year you should be sure to talk to Social Security. It's a good time to do a reality check to make sure you are on top of your rights and responsibilities under Social Security.

Do you have a child who was born this year who doesn't have a Social Security number? The law requires you to list the Social Security number on your tax return for each dependent born before Nov. 1, being claimed on your 1995 tax return. If you have a child born before Nov. 1 who doesn't have a Social Security number, you should make sure you get one before you file your tax return next year. Remember, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process a return without correct Social Security numbers for dependents.

If you've changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason) and haven't made sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records, there may be problems posting your earnings to Social Security's files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits.) Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

To get a replacement card, you usually need one identifying document. To change the name on your card, you need documentation that shows your old name and your new name. If you were born outside the United States, you generally must show proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status. Your replacement card will have the same number as your old card.

If you're receiving Social Security benefits and you've moved this year, make sure Social Security has your new address. (Sometimes people who have their checks sent directly to their bank, forget to tell Social Security about a change in their mailing address.)

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You should report a new address even if you have direct deposit, because important letters from Social Security are sent to your mailing address, even though your benefits go directly to a bank. Your benefits could be stopped temporarily if Social Security cannot locate you because you have not reported a change of address.

If you receive Social Security and worked in 1995, you need to report your earnings to Social Security by

April 15, 1996. The 1995 limits were \$8,160 for people under 65, and \$11,280 for people 65-69. Remember that you can earn more money in 1995 before your benefits are reduced. If you're under 65, you can earn up to \$8,280 next year with no reduction in benefits. If you're 65 to 69, you can earn up to \$11,520 in 1996, with no reduction. If you're 70 or older, there is no limit on your earnings.

Parents, seniors invited to GHS financial-aid night

Dale Shanz, director of financial aid at Kirtland Community College, will be the guest speaker at the annual GHS financial-aid night. State and federal financial aid available for higher education will be the topic for the 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 meeting held in the GHS library.

GHS seniors and their parents are invited to the session. GHS counselor Lynn Thompson will also be on hand to answer questions.



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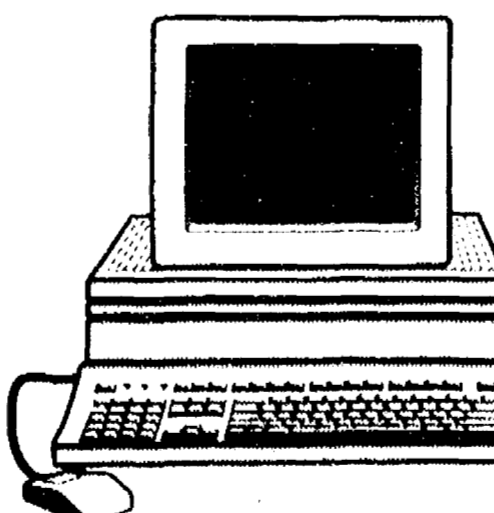
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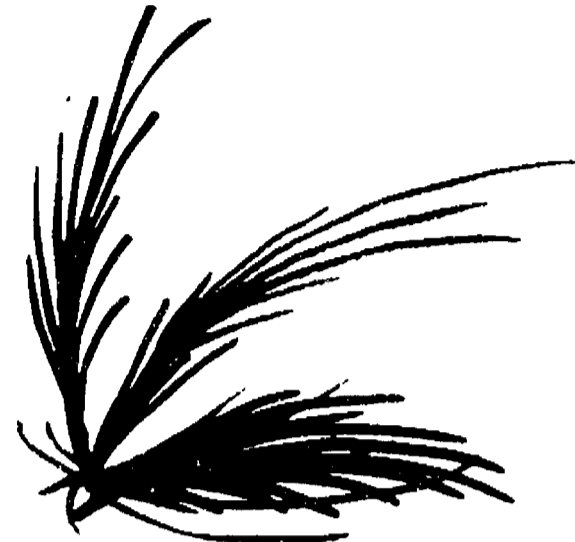
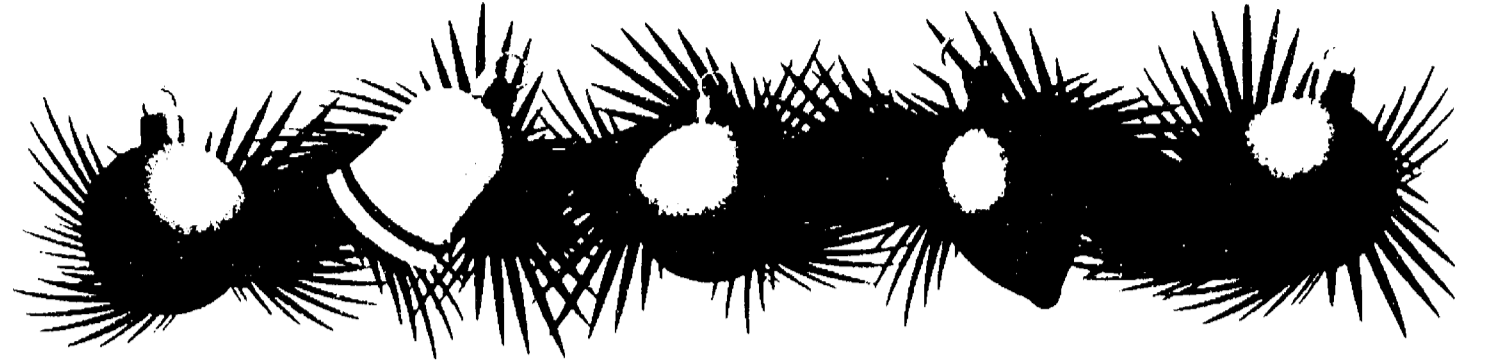
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SECTION SPORTS

Section C- Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 21, 1995

Viking winter teams spring into early pre-holiday action Hoopsters win first two at home

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Viking boys' basketball is underway for another season and the

Grayling High School varsity team started up on a winning note on Tuesday, Dec. 12, beating the visiting Elk Rapids Elks by a 71-57 score.

The following Friday, Dec. 15, the Vikings entertained the conference rival Onaway Cardinals and had little trouble putting another win in the books defeating the Cardinals by a 70-54 score.

Versus Onaway, the Vikings controlled their offense to the point that three seniors were able to hit double figures. Joe Godlewski led the attack with 19 points, followed by Scott Hartman with 14, and Corey Northrop with 11. Senior Jason Thompson added eight points. Senior Chris Kucharek and junior Ben Haskel each put in six points, and juniors Ed Baynham and Brad Larm had four and two respectively.

Godlewski and Baynham each pulled down seven rebounds and Northrop had seven assists.

The leading scorer for the Cards was Andrew Badgero with 16 points.

Viking Coach Rich Moffit said, "We played in spurts against Onaway. At times we really played well at both ends of the court. We need to play with consistency if we are to have a successful season this year."

Godlewski also led the scoring and rebounding in the Elk Rapids game, tossing in 22 points and snatching 14 rebounds enroute to the easy victory. Larm added 20 points and Northrop 13. Jason Thompson had eight points and eight rebounds.

The leading scorer for the Elks was Kevin Ball, with 21 points.

"I was very pleased with our intensity and hustle," Moffit said. "Our kids played very hard, especially at the defensive end of the court."

Moffit named Godlewski as his "Viking of the Week," for his 40-point, 21-rebound effort in the two games.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Vikings traveled north to take on the always tough Petoskey Northmen, and in a rare Thursday game, the Vikings will travel to Boyne City on Dec. 21.



SOMEBODY GET OPEN--Junior Viking Eddie Baynham looks for an outlet after pulling down a rebound against Elk Rapids. Other Vikings pictured are (L to R) senior Jason Thompson (44), and senior Joe Godlewski (32).

Snowmobile promotional meeting set

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce has organized a meeting set for Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. in Chief Shoppenagons Hotel, to discuss snowmobile trails and promoting snowmobiling in the area.

"The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what we can do now and in

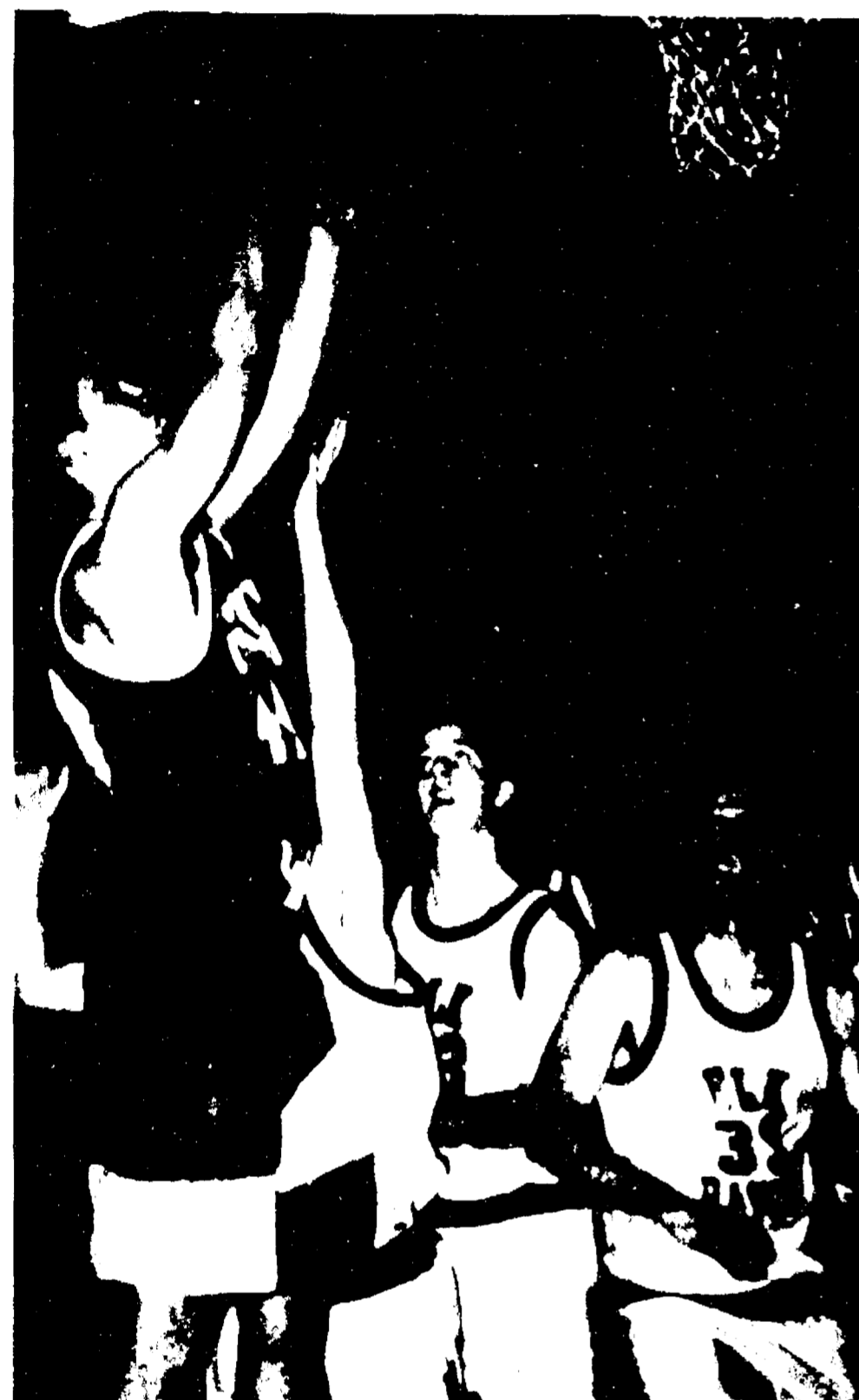
the future to improve the access of snowmobilers to businesses in Grayling," said chamber director Jerry Meyer.

Meyer said the goal of the meeting is to develop a detailed plan that can be accomplished this season and a long-range plan to accommodate snowmobilers, "in a manner

beneficial to our entire community."

Meyer stressed that the plan should incorporate an attitude which welcomes the winter enthusiast, but rejects those who abuse alcohol, speed, trespass or commit other violations of the law.

The meeting is scheduled to adjourn by 5:30 p.m.



IT'S UP AND IN--Senior Viking Jason Thompson puts in an easy basket against the Elks of Elk Rapids.



Senior Viking Dale Kniss (Record 12-0)



Junior Viking Eddie Davis (Record 12-0)

Viking wrestlers off to a solid winning start

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Grayling High School Viking wrestling squad is well into its 1995-96 year under Head Coach Don Ferguson. Boasting a 5-win, 4-loss record, the young Vikings have defeated teams from Houghton Lake, Kalkaska, Onaway, Gaylord and Alpena, while falling to teams from Gladwin, Sanford-Meridian, Roscommon and Manton.

On Saturday, Dec. 16 the Vikings traveled to Mason County as part of the 12-team Mason County Central Invitational Tournament. By the end of the meet, the Vikings had accumulated a total of 121 points, good for third place behind Hesperia and Lakeview.

Several Vikings had exceptional performances. Senior Dale Kniss at

215 pounds and junior Eddie Davis at 125 pounds were crowned champions in their weight divisions. Both Kniss, the only senior on the squad, and Davis hold overall records of 12 victories against no defeats.

Ferguson said, "Dale hasn't really been tested yet. He seems pumped up to have an exceptional year."

Kniss received his coach's nod for "Viking of the Week."

Placing second in the tourney were junior Dana Beckwith at 103 pounds and sophomore Dave Shepherd at 119 pounds. Beckwith holds a 10-2 overall

record, while Shepherd's record stands at 9-2. Finishing his division in third place was junior Jason Hall at 135

pounds, giving him an 11-1 overall record. In fourth place were sophomores Ben Malonen, wrestling at 130 pounds and Nate Niederer at 152 pounds. Malonen's overall record is now 10-3 and Niederer's is 6-7.

Ferguson said others scoring consistent points this year include sophomores Ira Grounds at 140 pounds, Shawn Ashworth at 189 pounds and freshman Charles DesMoines at 160 pounds.

On Thursday, Dec. 21, the Vikings host teams from Petoskey and Alpena on the Grayling High School mats.



Hanson Hills kicks off ski season

Thursday, Dec. 7, marked the first annual Winter Ski Season Kick-off at the Grayling Red Barn. Eighty people attended, with approximately \$2,200 raised to benefit facility improvements at Hanson Hills.

With the early snow and great base, Hanson Hills is excited about having a very long and successful ski season. This is the earliest the slopes have been open in approximately five years.

Memberships are still on sale and are a great Christmas gift idea! In spite of the bitter cold temperatures, many skiers came out and enjoyed the opening weekend of ski season at Hanson Hills.



GO, FIGHT, WIN TONIGHT!--The Viking varsity cheerleaders are always there supporting the team. Pictured above are (L to R) Susan Sylvester, Vickie Carter, Jennifer Richardson, unidentified, Shannon Papendick, Jamie Evans and Ashley Wakeley.



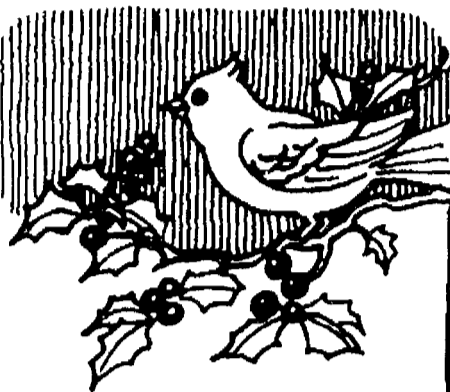
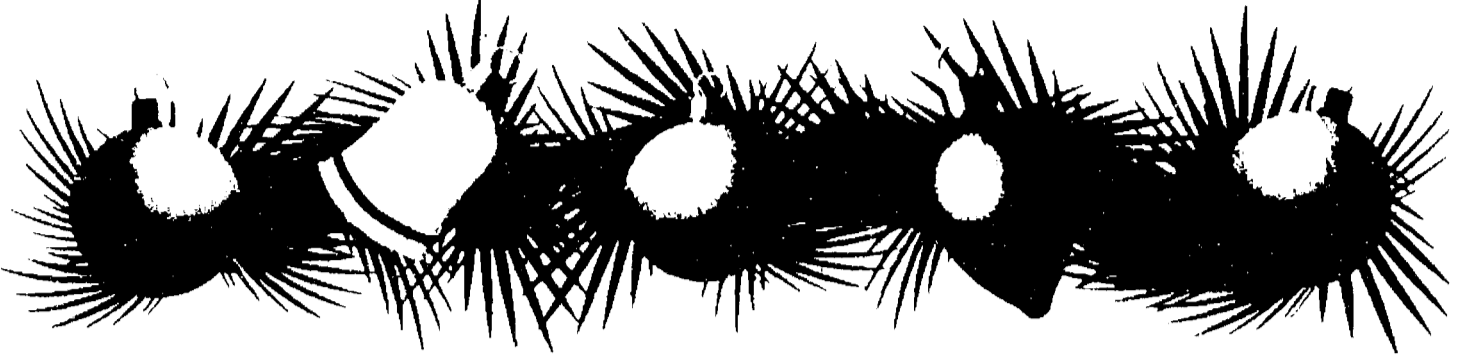
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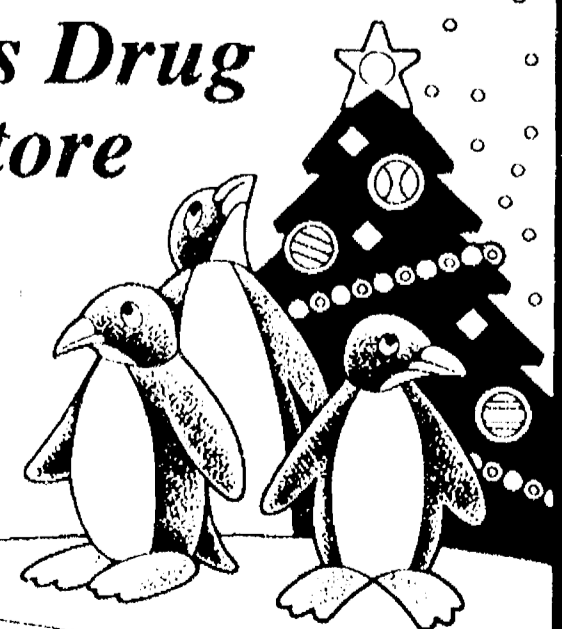
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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League	
Peterson Saw Service	38-18
Cornell	35-21
Glen	33.5-22.5
Mickey Perez CPA	28-28
Scheer Motors	27-29
Mark 8	23-33
Fun-N-Sun Rental	21-35
North Country R.V.	18.5-37.5
High Game: C. Pfaff, 212, S. Noeske, 199, D. Armstrong, 192. High Series: J. Hinds, 522, B. Wheeler, 517, C. Pfaff, 508.	

Senior Citizen League	
Bucilli's	35-21
Sylvester's	34-22
Cornell's	32-24
Totten's Body Shop	30-26
Flowers by Josie	26-30
Bayham	24-32
Century 21	22-34
Larry & Joan's	21-35
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 210, A. Wilde, 202, O. Brantley, H. Johnson, 199. Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 571, A. Wilde, 558, H. Johnson, 485.	
Women's High Game: R. Joyce, 176, 174, A. Payne, 173. Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 499, A. Payne, 453, D. Brantley, 452.	

American Men's League	
Upper Lakes	35-14
Auto Parts	34-15
Stitches By Sue	28-31
McLeans	25-24
BCT	24-25
Fenton's Auto	21-28
Red Barn	15-34
Rod's Auto Body	14-35
High Game: D. Mansfield, 229, B. Palmer, 221, P. Faustman, 210. High Series: B. Palmer, 575, D. Mansfield, 555, J. Lee, 552.	

Northwood League	
Standings For First Half	
House of Cabinets	38-22
Rich's Cycle Service	36.5-23.5
Patti's Towne House	33.5-26.5
Wakeley's Auto Parts	31-29
Stitch-in-Time	29-31
Subway	26-34
Millikin's	25-35
Pearls & Lace	21-39
High Game: T. Raybould, 214, S. Romain, 198, M. Miller, 195. High Series: P. D'Amour, 522, M. Miller, 506, T. Papendick, 505.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
End Of First Half	
Aunt Betty's	37-23
No Fear	36-24
A.H. Rental & Repair	34.5-25.5
Advance Collision	29.5-30.5
Moshier Auto Repair	28.5-31.5
AJD	28.5-31.5
Cedar Motel	25-35
A. Bullock Towing	21-39
Men's High Game: D. Lozon, 199, L. Helsel, 197, R. Hinds, 188. Men's High Series: D. Lozon, 493, M. Sumner, 485, L. Helsel, 463.	
Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 215, S. Rioux, 202, J. Tanski, 196. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 593, S. Rioux, 590, J. Tanski, 4756.	

National League 1st Division	
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Moore's Auto	28
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Guns & Grub	23
Carquest	21
Frederic Inn	18
High Game: R. Michels, 226, S. Miller, 212, M. Barr, 205. High Series: M. D'Amour, 567, D. Henning, 565, S. Miller, 563.	

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles	
CSI	38-22
Us & Them	37-23
Computer Service	32-28
Mac's Drugs	32-28
Mac Ashworth's	30-30
Robideau Cons.	26-34
All Seasons	25-35
Glen's	20-40
Men's High Game: R. Pyle, 203, T. Rondeau, 191, J. Helsel, 182. Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 539, J. Helsel, 527, T. Rondeau, 525.	
Women's High Game: J. Hinds, C. Strong, 182, S. Phillips, 175, B. McDougal, 168. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 505, C. Strong, 458, S. Phillips, 446.	

Pioneer League	
Chemical Bank	38.5-17.5
Custom Interior	33-23
Eagles	32.5-23.5
Avalanche	27.5-28.5
Mercy Hospital	25-31
Millikin's	24.5-31.5
Aunt Betty's	24-32
M&M Crafts	19-37
High Game: J. Harland, 220, N. Glaslee, 210, G. VanDeCastelle, 199. High Series: D. Anthony, 534, C. Jones, J. Hinds, 523, N. Glaslee, 512.	

Triangle	
Jackson Trio	20-8
A. Bull Dog Towing	16-12
Grayling Ford	15-13
Barber Const.	14.3-13.5
Deb & Dales	14-14
Roshy Const.	12-16
JJ's Motor Mall	11.5-16.5
Spike's	9-19
High Game: A. Angove, 225, B. Palmer, 216, J. Campbell, 196. High Series: L. Davis, 539, A. Angove, 512, J. Helsel, 509.	

On behalf of the National League 1st Division, our condolences go to the Dick Rasmussen family.

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Pool League	
December 11	
Frederic Inn	84-42
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Shoppemagon's	71-55
Weyerhaeuser	71-55
Red Barn I	70-56
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MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Ronald and Reva Fowler of Roscommon: Ronald Wayne, Jr., Dec. 2, 1995, 8 pounds, 9.8 ounces.

Raylene Benstead of Grayling: Kayla, Dec. 4, 1995, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Scott and Eleana Beardslee of Roscommon: Skottie Mae, Dec. 6, 1995, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

Dallas Carl and Shannon Amy of Prudenville: Breanne Elizabeth, Dec. 8, 1995, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

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Compactor closed Sunday, Dec. 24

Grayling Township has announced that due to the Christmas holiday, the township transfer station and trash compactor will be closed all day on Sunday, Dec. 24.

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Holiday Inn Viking of the week

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By Gloria Mologianes

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The list of things that these people do for our community is non-stop. If there is someone who needs a helping hand, our volunteers do their best to help out. They give of their time and

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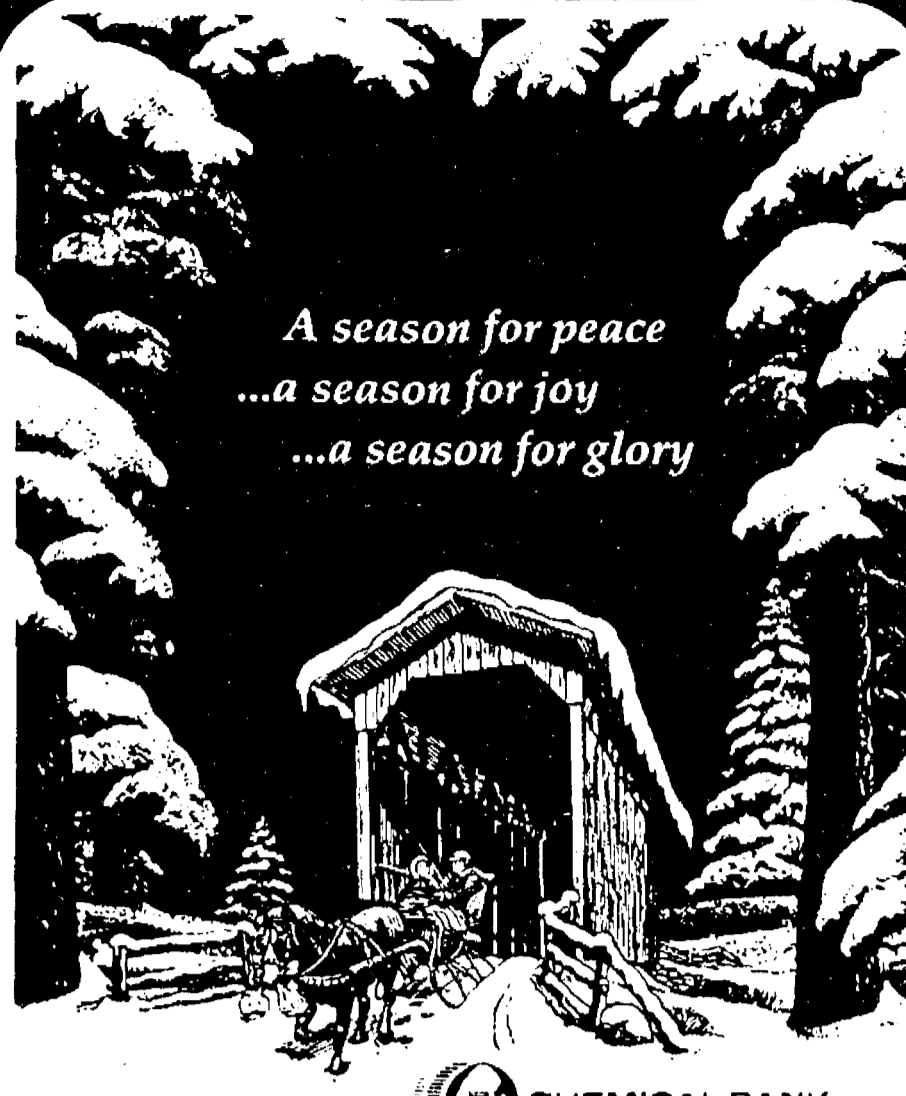
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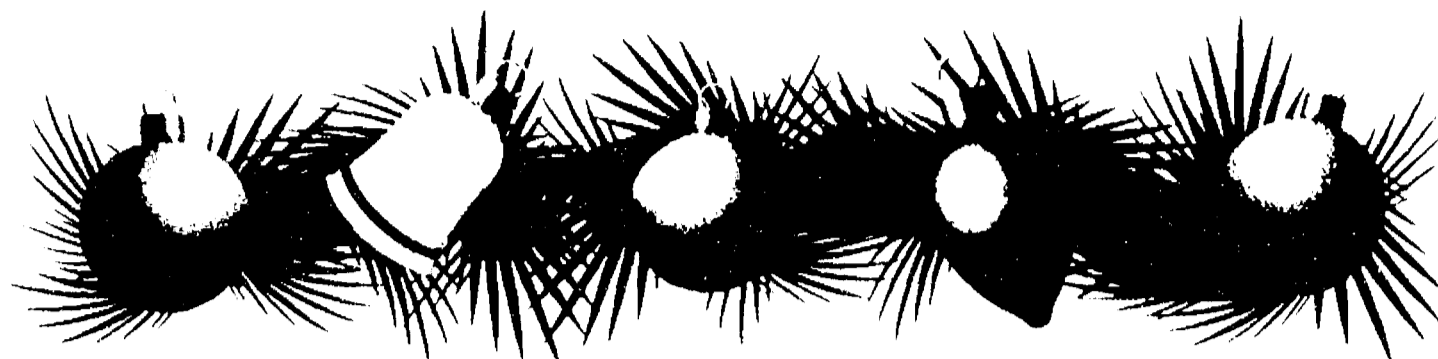


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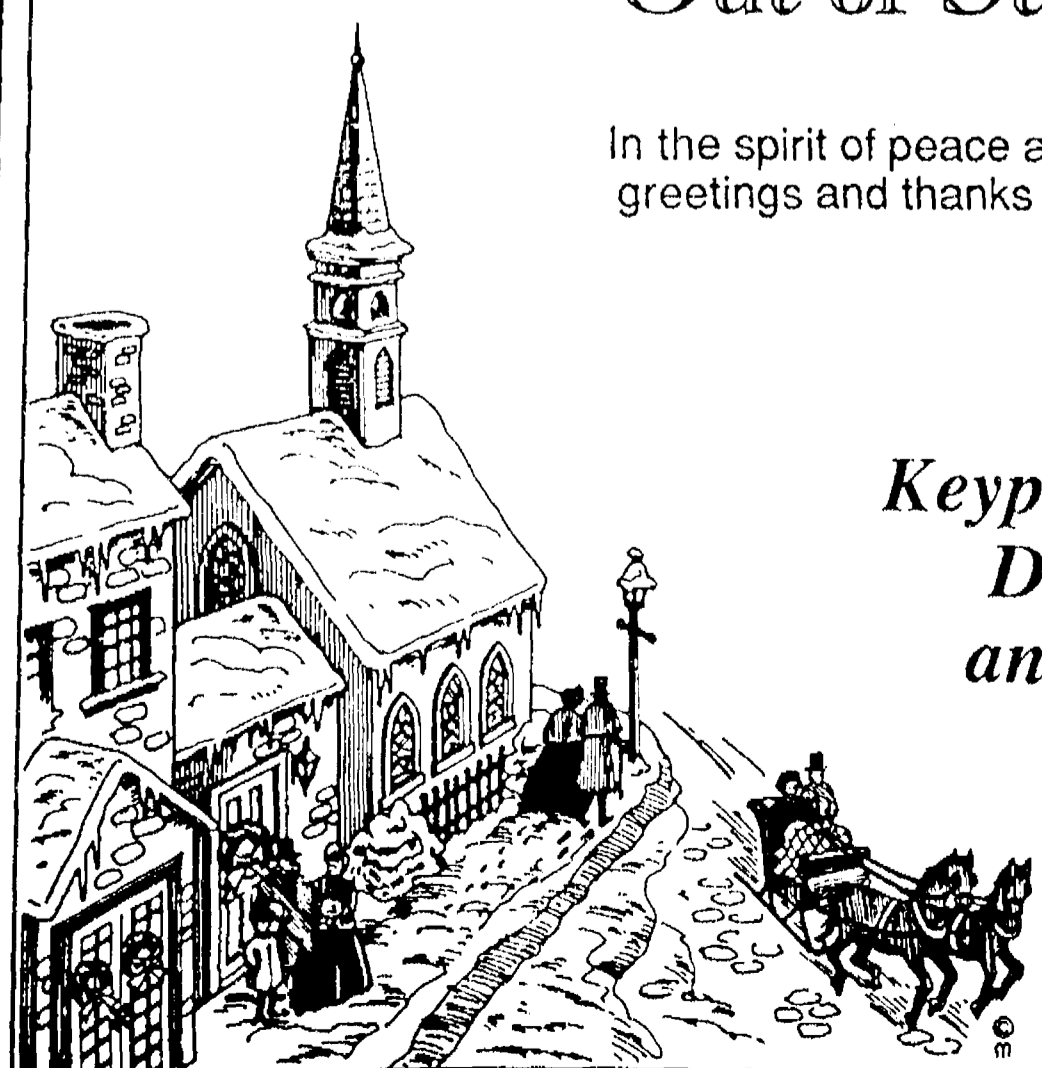


When he arose he took the young child and his mother and departed into Egypt.

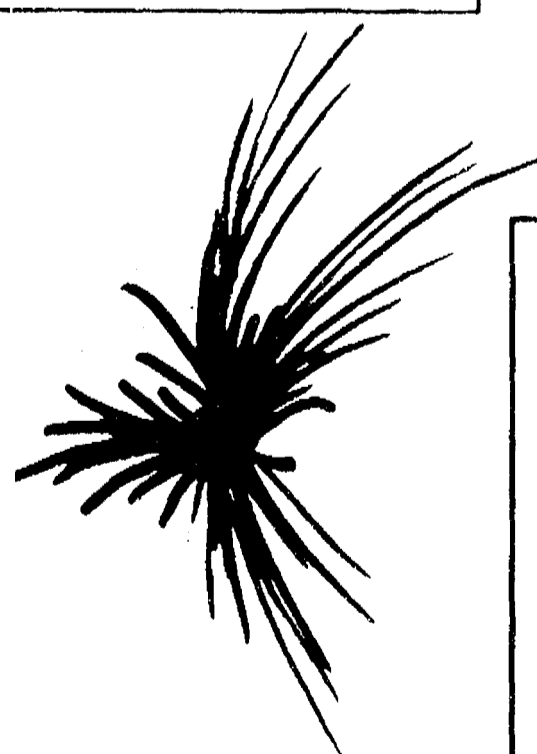

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Richard Rasmusson

Richard H. Rasmusson, 71, of Grayling, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at Mercy Manor, Grayling. A wake service was held Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at Sorenson Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial was held Friday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Pallbearers were Robert Bovee, Carl Yost, Howard Grosser, Dean Smith, Larry Winslow and Donald Vradenburg.

Mr. Rasmusson was born Oct. 16, 1924, in Grayling, and had lived here his entire life. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII, achieving the rank of technical sergeant. He was a member and past commander of American Legion Post 106, and past-president and district lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club, Grayling.

Mr. Rasmusson was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria J. Rasmusson in 1983, and by his parents, Harold and Fedora (Tetu) Rasmusson.

Survivors include: son, Scott B. Rasmusson of Grayling; grandchildren, Zachary Fisher Rasmusson, Wesley Hunter Rasmusson, and Spencer Wade Rasmusson, all of Grayling; sisters, Jean Potter, and Greta and husband Ken Chapp, both of Grayling; brothers, John and wife Joan Rasmusson of Grayling, and Roger and wife Kay Rasmusson of Roscommon.

The family suggests memorial contributions to either the George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited or the Crawford County Library.

Clarcie Haist

Clarcie E. Haist, 76, of Grayling, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 1995, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m., at Jennings-Lyons Funeral Chapel, Owosso, with Pastor Phillip Ozinga officiating. Burial was in Ridge Road Cemetery in Oakley.

Mrs. Haist was born Dec. 10, 1919, in Owosso, the child of Clarence and Effie (McKinney) Felver. She was a circus performer for many years, and had been a resident of Grayling since 1980.

Survivors include: several nieces, nephews and cousins, including Bud Felver and Mrs. Jack Felver, both of Grayling.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Friends of Hospice.

Audrey Kelly

Audrey S. Kelly, 87, of Perrysburg, Ohio, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Witzler-Shank Funeral Home, in Perrysburg, with Rev. Robert B. Johnson officiating. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Bluffton, Ohio.

Mrs. Kelly was born April 14, 1908, in Lima, Ohio, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. (Ethel Medsker) Steiner. Her family owns property in the Grayling area, and has vacationed here for the past 65 years. Mrs. Kelly was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Waterville, Ohio, and was the author of the book *How To Dry Flowers The Easy Way*.

Mrs. Kelly was preceded in death by husbands, Harry S. Bugbee and Ralph Kelly.

Survivors include: son, Harry A. Bugbee of Perrysburg, Ohio; grandchildren, Mrs. Valerie G. Gerber of Loveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Kathryn A. Costas of Redondo Beach, California; and great-grandchildren, Sarah Gerber and Emily Costas.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Toledo Sight Center.

Earl Isenhauer

Earl Isenhauer, 90, of Grayling, died Monday, Dec. 18, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Mr. Isenhauer was born Aug. 19, 1905, in Grayling, and had lived here his entire life. He worked as a mason for Jack Millikin, Inc.

Mr. Isenhauer was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine, on March 25, 1989, and by his parents, Leonard and Grace (Dutton) Isenhauer.

Survivors include: sons, Karl Isenhauer of Findlay, Ohio, John Isenhauer and Gary Isenhauer, both of Grayling; daughters, Vivette Davis of Clare, Kay Pegouskie of Mio, Luanna Pickell and Susan Rozenek, both of Grayling; brother, Charles Isenhauer of Brooklyn; sisters, Mabel Ostling of Traverse City, and Helen Feldhauser of Grayling; 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Kimberlee Love

Kimberlee Dawn Love, 3-month-old daughter of Patricia and Keith Love of Grayling, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Pastor Jack Rohn officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic.

Kimberlee was born Sept. 21, 1995, in West Branch.

Survivors include: parents, Keith and Patricia (Hatfield) Love; grandparents, Bonnie Love of Frederic, Clifford and Sheryl Beck of Grayling, Larry and Betty St. John of Brooklyn; great-grandparents, Marjorie Vallad of Newberry, Florida, William and Juanita Beck and Claudine and Clarence Foulk, all of Grayling; brothers, Christopher George Hatfield and Adam James Love; sister, Samantha Paige Hatfield; uncle, Kevin Love of Frederic; aunts, Marjorie Hatfield of Midland, Bonnie and husband Mark Shunatona of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, Joanie Beck and Amanda Beck, both of Grayling.

Helen Menefee

Helen V. Menefee, 62, of Bear Lake Township, Kalkaska County, died Friday, Dec. 15, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Pastor James Bugg officiating. Burial was in Excelsior Township Cemetery, Kalkaska County.

Mrs. Menefee was born Sept. 15, 1933, in Burt Lake. She had lived in Bear Lake Township for 10 years, previously living in Grand Rapids. She was married to Kenneth Menefee on May 30, 1952, in Grand Rapids, and had worked as an assembler at a furniture factory in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Menefee was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewas, a member of the Eagles Aerie 3433, Grayling, served as executive director of Native American Arts Council, and ran the Native American Cultural Center in Grayling.

Mrs. Menefee was preceded in death by her parents, George and Stella (Mickenne) Brown.

Survivors include: husband, Kenneth J. Menefee; sons, Kenneth E. Menefee of Gowan, Clyde J. Menefee of Cedar Springs, Ernest F. Menefee of Wyoming, Michigan, Francis G. Menefee of Sand Lake, Ronald K. Menefee of Lansing, Jeffery A. Menefee of Rockford, and Richard D. Menefee of Chicago, Illinois; brother, Bernard J. Brown of Grand Rapids; 19 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Delena Clayton

Delena M. "Dee" Clayton, 68, of Roscommon, South Branch Township, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m., at the Roscommon Free Methodist Church, with Rev. Leslie J. Sellers officiating. Burial will be in Michigan Memorial Gardens in Flat Rock.

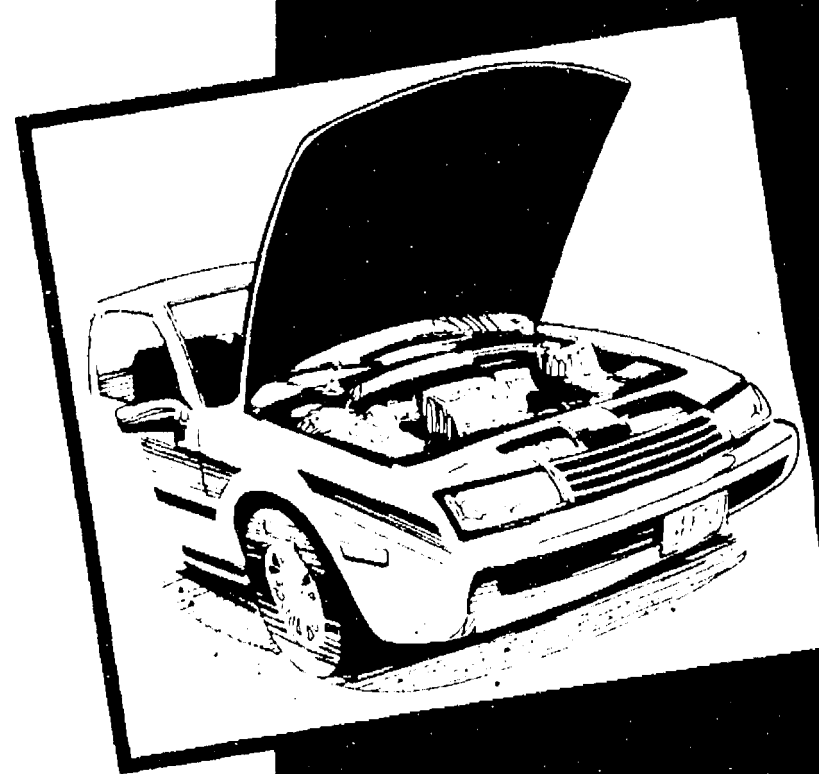
Mrs. Clayton was born May 6, 1927, in Belleville, to Claude and Delena (Commira) Wicker. She had been a resident of Roscommon since 1988, previously living in New Boston. On March 10, 1949, she was married to Russell J. Clayton, in Napoleon, Ohio.

Mrs. Clayton worked as a headcook, retiring from the Holiday Inn in Romulus in 1985. She loved Bingo, and was a member of the Roscommon Free Methodist Church.

Mrs. Clayton was preceded in death by four sisters, two brothers, and great-grandson, Samuel Roberts, Jr.

Survivors include: husband, Russell Clayton; children, Gail Slyfield of River Rouge, Dawn and husband Michael Allen of New Port Richey, Florida, Dennis Osborne of Mt. Morris, and Thomas Clayton of St. Louis; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth Stromme of Cadillac, and Elvira Curio of Flat Rock.

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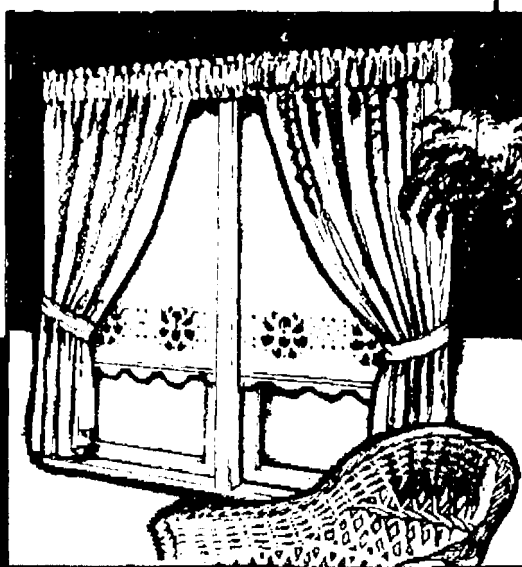
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Thanks to Dennis Long who was the first on the scene, and the Grayling and Frederic Fire Departments for their quick response and for containing the fire. Thanks to everyone who came to help the night of the fire.

We really need to thank our clean-up crew, though, without them we would not be open: Jaymie and Sara McGuire, Stacey Pelton. These three girls volunteered their time and worked all day and night to help us. Patti and Dave Hawkins, Marc Weaver, Jennifer and Melissa Wejrowski, Nicky and Richard Myers, and especially Knight Cleaners who came immediately. Kim and Kyle, thank you so much.

Our insurance agents, Chris Duncley and Dave Jansen, who worked very fast to get us going again. Thanks to everyone for your offers of help and for your prayers. What a wonderful community we live in.

Thank you,
Dan and Debbie Weaver

Card of thanks

On behalf of Knights of Columbus Father Reiss Council 1982, I want to thank Ben Franklin Store for gifts donated, and McDonalds restaurant and Gordon Foods for their gifts of refreshments for the children's Christmas party on Dec. 11. Merry Christmas.

Joseph Pencak
Grand Knight

Red Cross to hold blood drive Jan. 3

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 3, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

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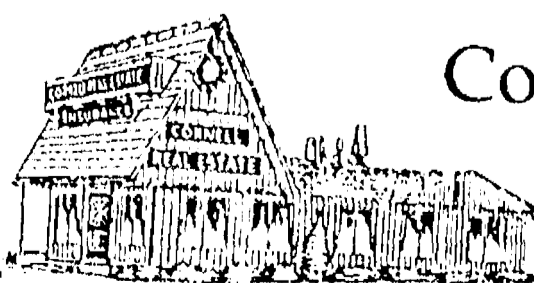
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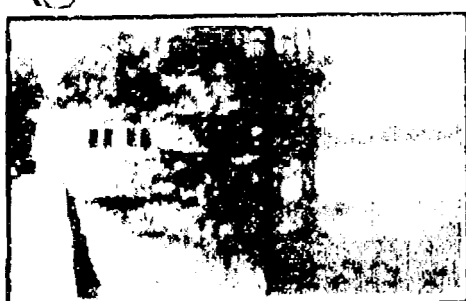
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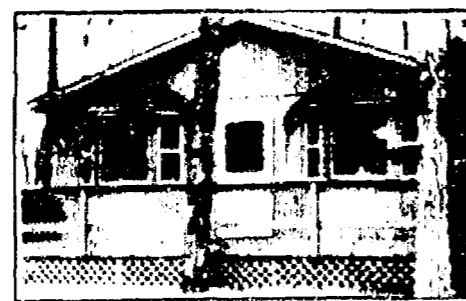


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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

DEAR SANTA and those who know who they are. Last Friday night we received a very wonderful bag of Christmas gifts from you and your "Little Elves". There are not enough words in the English dictionary, or any other dictionary for that matter, that can describe how the Henning family felt when we received the presents. Especially when the gifts were delivered by a Sheriff's cruiser. Thanks Tom C. Thank you to all those little elves who conspired together to perpetrate this wonderful Christmas surprise. Thanks so much, The Henning Clan, Tony Tammy, Jason, and Nick. -21/9

9. Personals

I, EDDIE LEE CANNOY am no longer responsible for any debts, other than my own, as of December 18, 1995. -21/9

**Happy Birthday
R L E
The Big 40
Dec. 24**

9. Personals

Thanks to the friends, relatives, community and businesses that have helped with the Corrina Davis fundraiser. Details will follow later for a future fundraiser. Corrina's account is still open at GSB for donations. -21/9



The Grayling Youth Booster Club
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We would also like to thank all the individuals who donated money, time and fellowship. Without all of you, this would never be possible.

The committee apologizes if we have overlooked any business or organization that has supported our effort. Any oversight is unintentional.

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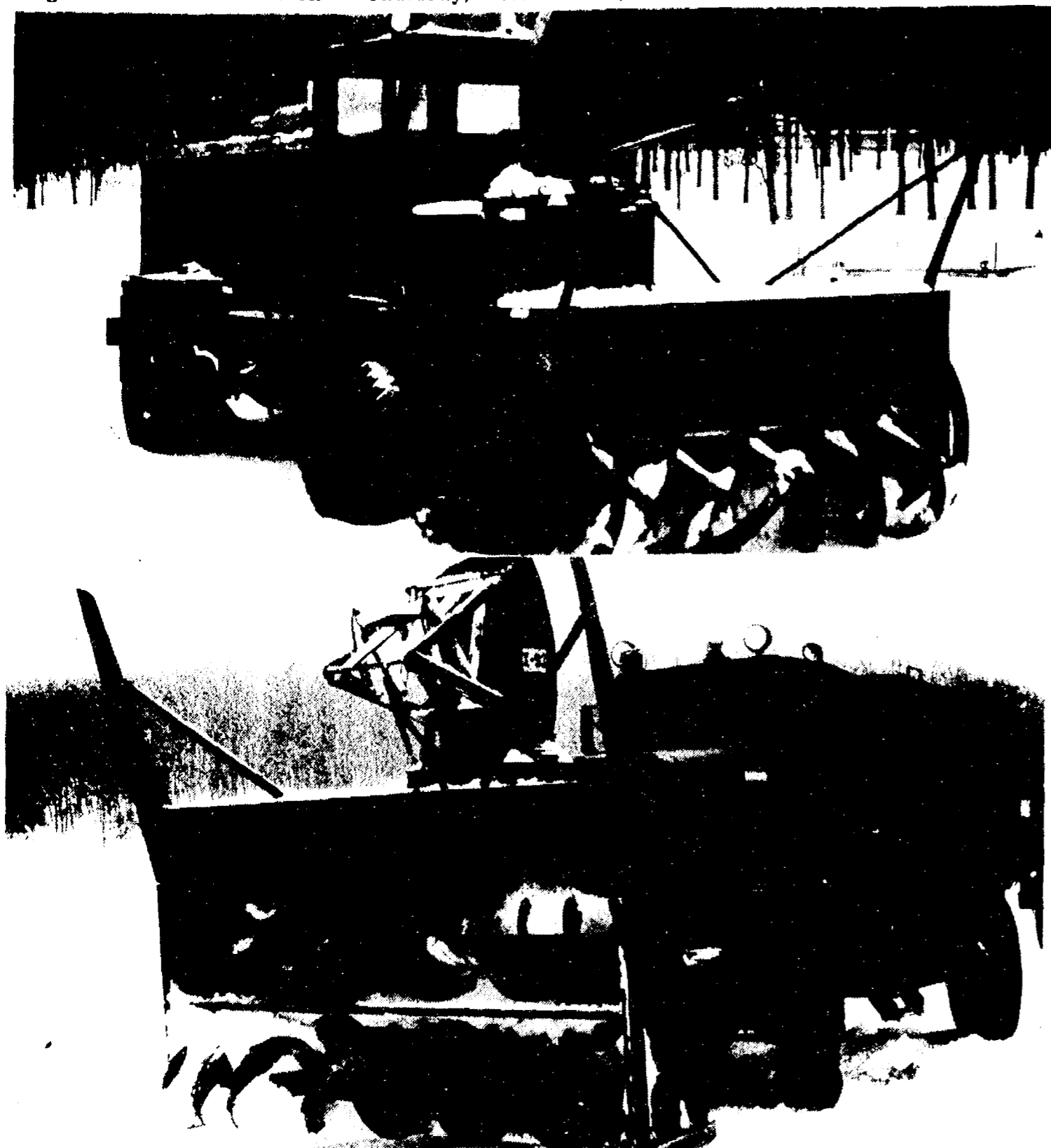
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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 27th day of November, 1995
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Golinick, Akers, Ruddy, Moshier, Members Absent: Stevens. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford one student, Linda Sherwood, Dean Gors.

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 13, 1995, be approved as presented. Ayes: 4; nays: 0; absent: 1; motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None. Communications were received and noted. City Holiday schedule for 1996.

City Council Meeting Schedule for 1996. October 1995 Finance Report.

October 1995 Police Department Report. Crawford County Board Minutes of Nov. 8, 1995.

Community Survey Brainstorming Session Nov. 19, at the Grayling Middle School from 4-7:30 p.m. City Manager will attend. Old Business.

1996 Street Program

Moved by Golinick, supported by Akers to approve the bill from Richards & Associates in the amount of \$5,415.30 for work completed on preliminary 1996 Street Project. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 1; motion carried.

There is one opening left on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. Council will discuss appointment at the next meeting.

New Business.

Alley Vacation Request.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Moshier, that

RESOLUTION TO "VACATE" AN ALLEY

IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF BRINKS FIRST AND BRINKS SECOND

WHEREAS, the Original Plat of Block 2 of Brinks First and Block 2 of Brinks Second, show an alley running between Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of the respective plats, and

WHEREAS, there never has been such an alley in existence, the abutting property owners have asked the City to abandon this alley to clear the abstract title, and

WHEREAS, the alley in question was previously abandoned by the City Council of the City of Grayling at the July 11, 1996 Regular

Adjournment.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Akers that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4; nays: 0; absent: 1; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

SYNOPSIS

Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board 12-12-95

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Schaibly, Hopp, Haberland, Fuchs and Ann Duby, along with John Duby and Hazel Koemke.

Minutes of the 11-14-95 board meeting were accepted. Bills in the amount of \$5,872.46 in the General Fund, \$2,347.12 in the Fire Fund, \$1,390.68 in the Landfill Fund, \$37.29 in the Liquor Fund and \$270.57 in the Library Fund were approved to be paid.

The treasurer's report was accepted and correspondence placed on file.

Fire Chief reported two medical runs. The zoning administrator issued two permits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion approved to accept the Crawford County Library/Lovells Township Library, Branch Library Agreement.

Motion approved to allow the township offices to be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE

File No. 86-788167-CV

Estate of Thomas D. Oberg, a Minor.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

The minor, Thomas D. Oberg, whose last known address is 3195 Lovells Street, Grayling, MI 49738, has an estate.

The prior conservator and the minor are notified that a petition has been filed to terminate the conservatorship and that a hearing will be held in this matter on January 24, 1996, at 8:30 a.m., at the Wayne County Probate Court, Room 1211, City County Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226.

Judge Freddie G. Burton, Jr.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the successor conservator, Albert Stanton.

Date: December, 12, 1995

ALBERT STANTON, Atty.,

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95-0973

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and

provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at ten o'clock a.m. on January 9, 1996.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Timebridge Estates #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C1. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 30, 1995

Fleet Mortgage Corp.

SHAPIRO & ALI, Attorneys

320 B. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 190

Troy, Michigan 48063

(810) 689-3900

-30-7-14-21-28

NOTICE

Please be advised the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be holding the yearly organizational board meeting Wednesday, January 3, 1996, at 10 am in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

-21-28

NOTICE

There have been incidents reported involving citizens becoming impatient or upset with city, county and state employees operating snow removal equipment. Please, remember these employees are working toward the safety and convenience of the public, often operating equipment under adverse conditions when visibility is at its worst. Remember also, much of this equipment is designed to perform specific tasks. Consequently, operating equipment in traffic with private vehicles, often presents the equipment operator the difficult task of being attentive to their work and traffic safety at the same time. Giving them a break not only shows appreciation for their responsibilities, it demonstrates sound judgement as well.

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NOTICE

1996 ROAD COMMISSION ISTE A HEARING

The Road Commission For Crawford County will hold the ISTE A (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) Hearing for 1996 projects at 11:00 am, Thursday, December 28, 1995, in the road commission board room, located at: 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan. Phone (517) 348-2281. Projects under consideration include, but are not limited to:

- N. Down River Road (Stephan-Wakeley 2.6 miles).
- N. Down River Road (I-75 BL-Headquarters 4.4 miles).
- McMasters Bridge Road (N. Down River Rd.-M-72 8.46 miles).
- Old US 27 (Frederic-I-75 BL 6.26 miles).

James Briney, Managing Director of The Road Commission For Crawford County.

David C. Frederick, Executive Director of the Crawford County Transit Authority.

Jerry Morford, City of Grayling, City Manager.

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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: December 24 - 30, 1995

- ARIES**
March 21-April 19 Bear with all the hustle and bustle that surrounds you. You still have one week left to go...don't let stress get you down.
- TAURUS**
April 20 - May 20 Finances have been depleted, but don't dip into reserves. Be creative with your last-minute gift shopping.
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June 20 Your co-workers continue to make demands on you. Don't be taken advantage of, but neither should you shirk responsibilities.
- CANCER**
June 21 - July 22 You will have a difficult time making a major decision. Postpone it until after the new year, if possible.
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug 22 Children become impatient and unruly. Don't let them get you down. Put them to work doing YOUR chores!
- VIRGO**
Aug 23 - Sept 22 Do not rush into any immediate changes in your life-style. Think things through before taking that big step.
- LIBRA**
Sept 23 - Oct 22 It is too soon to see any visible improvements in current relationship. Continue to give it more time. Be patient.
- SCORPIO**
Oct 23 - Nov 21 Demonstrate maturity in your approach toward a difficult situation. Someone is watching and taking note.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22 - Dec 21 Be very careful that you have not overlooked anyone this holiday season. Just a little something can go a long way.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec 22 - Jan 19 Do not be afraid to say, "I love you." This may mean more to that special someone than all the gifts in the world.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan 20 - Feb 18 Look for the spiritual aspects of Christmas and don't get bogged down in the commercial. Remember the reason for the season.
- PISCES**
Feb 19 - March 20 Give a helping hand to someone close to you. You never know when you will need that "hand" returned.



THIS SMALL DOG NEEDS A HOME--This small female dog is approximately two years old. She is housebroken, very friendly, and would be good with children. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

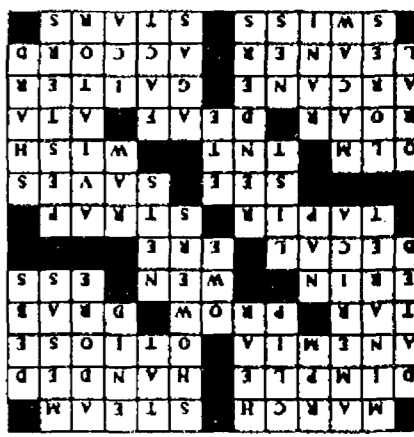
Holiday paraphernalia can hurt pets. Cover or tack down electrical cords. Keep unseal and glass ornaments out of reach. Read warnings on items such as spray-on snow. Never put ribbon around a pet's neck or allow it to play with plastic or foil wrapping or six-pack beverage holders.

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 12. Dispensed
 14. Blood deficiency
 15. Vain
 16. Seaman
 17. Bow of ship
 19. Dull
 20. Ireland
 22. Tumor
 24. S-shaped worm
 25. Transfer design
 27. Before
 28. Trop. Am. ungulate animal
 30. Thong
 34. Observes
 36. Rescues
 38. Eel-shaped amphibian
 41. High explosive
 42. Desire
 43. Bellow
 45. Unable to hear
- DOWN**
48. Unsorted flour
 49. Mysterious
 51. Ankle-high shoe
 53. Skinnier
 54. Agreement
 55. Type of cheese
 56. Luminaries

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



23. Clears
26. Roll
29. Interprets
31. Uncooked
32. Flyer
33. Annoys
35. Summer, Fr.
37. Broken piece
38. Spoken
39. Spaces on birds' face
40. Large parrot
44. Hindu queen
46. Turkish leader, pl.
47. Actuality
50. Cape
52. City in Peru

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Dec. 21, 1972

Attorney General Frank J. Kelly, chairman of the Municipal Finance Commission, announced that the commission approved \$125,000 of "1972 Motor Vehicle Fund Bonds" for the City of Grayling, County of Crawford.

The proceeds of the bond sale are restricted to street improvement.

Hillsdale College senior, John Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunter of Grayling, was recently named to the 1972 publication of *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*.

The honor of being selected by students and faculty to membership, is the highest honor which can be bestowed upon a college student anywhere. Criteria for selection includes outstanding leadership, high scholarship and service to the college and community.

Some of the local businesses wishing Season Greetings in this issue are Hatt's Motel; The Arrowhead Inn, Bob's Drive-in and Bob's Car Wash, Grayling Office Supply, Grayling Mercantile, Aland Jessie's Restaurant, Miller Hardware, Gambles of Grayling, and your county officials: Leo E. Lovely, county clerk; Lawrence "Bud" Hunter, register of deeds; Joseph Wakeley, county treasurer; Harold Hatfield, sheriff; John Huss, prosecuting attorney; Emil Kraus, judge of probate; and Francis Walsh, district court judge.

On special at the Black & White Market are family-size Lady Kay potato chips, 59¢; fancy mixed nuts, 59¢ a pound; chocolate milk, 29¢ a quart; bananas, 10¢ a pound; boneless rolled pork roasts, 79¢ a pound; and Banquet apple pies, 25¢ each.

46 years ago Dec. 22, 1949

Decoration of Grayling for the holiday season is now completed. Although it was completed later than was hoped for, the decorations are a little more extensive than last year, and it is hoped that they can be expanded and improved each year from now on. Prime interest was in the new 35-foot tree planted in the court house lawn.

Oscar P. Schumann, 76, passed away at his home Sunday morning, following several month's illness. O. P., as he was better known, had published and edited the *Crawford County Avalanche* for a third of a century, acquiring the newspaper in 1911, and serving as its

editor and publisher until 1944, when he sold the business. When he purchased the paper in 1911, from Dr. Oscar Palmer, the building which housed the paper, was heated by stoves and lighted by kerosene lamps. All of the news as well as ads were set from loose type by hand.

About 50 moms and husbands were at Mom's Christmas party. The table decoration was a lovely centerpiece, Santa and his reindeer. Silver, gold, pink and blue Christmas trees were on the tables.

Mrs. Aryle Cox and grandchildren are up to visit her son and family, the George Benjamins.

Miss Louise Feldhauser left for Battle Creek Sunday, where she has accepted a position at the Lella Hospital as nurse anesthetist. Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser accompanied her and has returned home.

Mrs. Henry V. Meech and daughter, Miss Bernice, and brother, Charles Fischer, are spending Christmas in Battle Creek, with the Arthur Carlson family. Mr. Meech, who is in Chicago, will join them there for the holiday.

The George Griffiths have returned home after spending three weeks in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Larry McNamara is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. C. J. McNamara.

The Grayling Laundry and Dry Cleaners has a new delivery truck.

Clare Burns is home from Mt. Pleasant, and Dale and Gerald are expected home from Wayne University, to spend Christmas with their parents, the E. R. Burns.

Dick Rasmussen is home from M.S.C., East Lansing, to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen.

Walter Heine, new proprietor of the Patnick Hotel at Lovells, announces that he is changing the name of the hostelry to the Lovells Hotel effective immediately.

Special music Wednesday night, Dec. 21, Hoerl's Tavern by Smokey, Tex and Curley.

Saturday evening a number of friends of Mrs. Hattie Moshier gathered at her home in celebration of her birthday. Pinochle was enjoyed with prizes given to Frank Serven and Mrs. Geo. Wiggins for high. Dainty refreshments were served including a lovely birthday cake.

Mrs. William Hoffman entertained Club 7 on Saturday evening, to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Liland Smock, which fell on Dec. 22. It was also a Christmas party and gifts were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tufts are expected home from Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, on Friday and Saturday, where they have spent three weeks, the former taking an officer's instruction course. Rabbit hunting is still the pastime around Frederic.

One of the loveliest parties of Our Gang was held at the Grange Hall last Friday evening. 27 members and three guests sat down to the beautifully decorated tables, which were really dressed up for the Christmas spirit.

Following classes Sunday morning, all departments at Michelson church met in the main assembly room and received a Christmas treat provided by Mrs. Ben Hayworth and Mrs. Harold Clements.

Weekend visitors at the Murphy's were Louis Murphy, Emil Tahvonen and Oscar Cherron, with their families from Saginaw.

69 years ago Dec. 23, 1926

Miss Carrie Jorgenson and her mother, who has made her home here with her daughter for some time, are leaving this week for St. Louis, Missouri, to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon are the happy parents of a daughter born Friday evening.

Francis LaGrow has arrived home from Lansing to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

Oscar Borchers of Chicago, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borchers of Beaver Creek Township.

Miss Mae Richardson of Roscommon, former teacher here, recently graduated from the State Normal at Ypsilanti.

J. L. Martin, a Michigan Central employee, broke three ribs Wednesday of last week, when he slipped on the ice while attempting to get into the way-car near Alba.

Mrs. Peter MacNeven and children, Shirley, Clinton and Glen, leave Friday morning to spend the holidays with relatives.

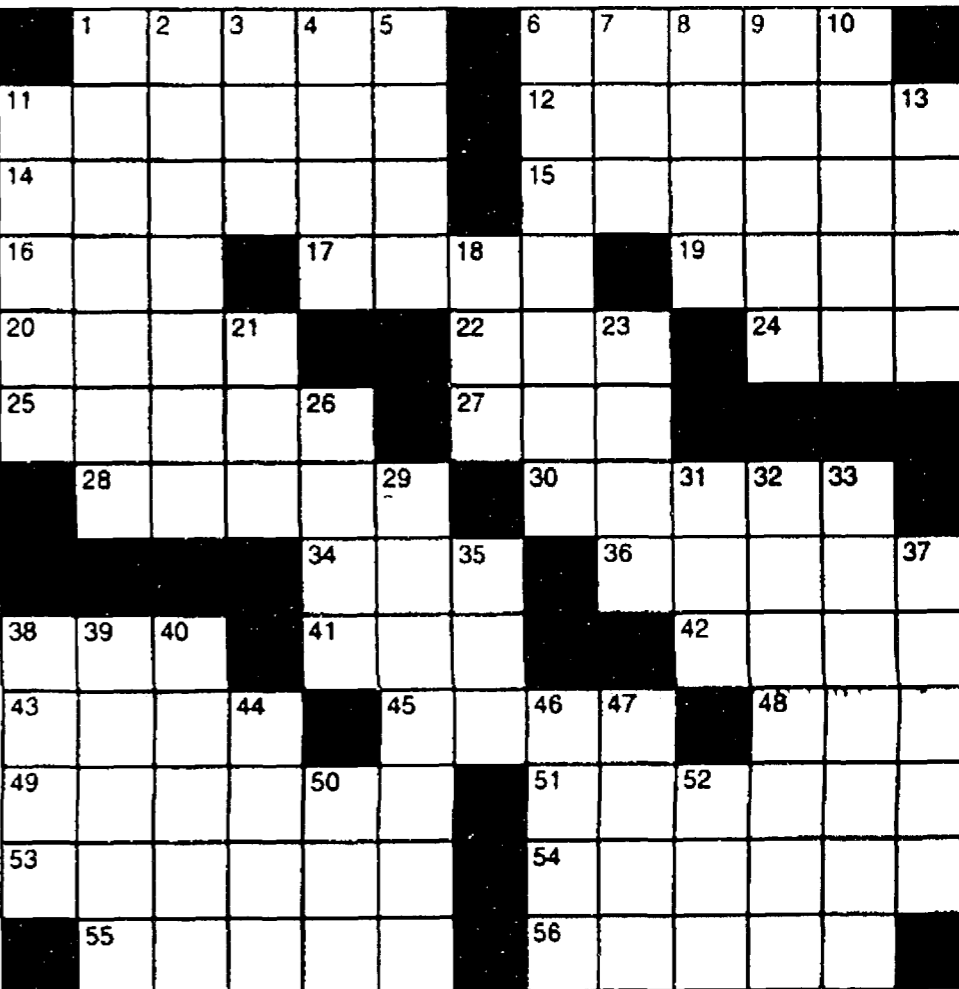
Last Friday night was a humdinger for weather, the thermometer registering 34 degrees below before morning.

Manager George Olson of the Opera House, gave members of the high school ball team and some of the local news boys a treat Monday night when they were invited to become his guests to see *The Quarterback* starring Richard Dix.

Last Monday night at 10:30, a car load of men started for Florida, the party consisting of Sidney Barber and two sons, Edward McCracken and Bob Webster. When last heard from, they were still in the snow at Cumberland's Gap.

94 years ago Dec. 19, 1901

Master George C. Hanson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hanson, was adjudged to be one of the handsomest boys in the U.S., and was awarded a \$100 prize by the originators of the contest, the *New York Journal*, *Chicago American* and *San Francisco Examiner*.



LOCAL WEATHER



Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for cloudy skies, with a 60 percent chance of snowshowers. The highs will be in the mid 20s. Thursday and Friday both call for mostly cloudy skies, with a chance of scattered snowshowers. Thursday's highs will be in the low to mid 20s, with the lows of 15 to 20 degrees. Friday's highs will be in the low 20s, with the lows in the teens.
12/13	14	-3	0.01	25"	
12/14	29	-21	0.83	27"	
12/15	33	-21	0.02	26"	
12/16	34	29	0.01	25"	
12/17	26	19		24"	
12/18	27	0		24"	
12/19	27	-8		24"	

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THE SEASON



Calvary Baptist Church
Christmas Eve: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

St. Francis Episcopal Church
Christmas Eve: 10:30 a.m.
Celebration of Nativity and
distribution of communion: 8 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve: 10:30 a.m.
Candlelight service: 7 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

Heritage Baptist Church:
Christmas Eve: 10 a.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m.

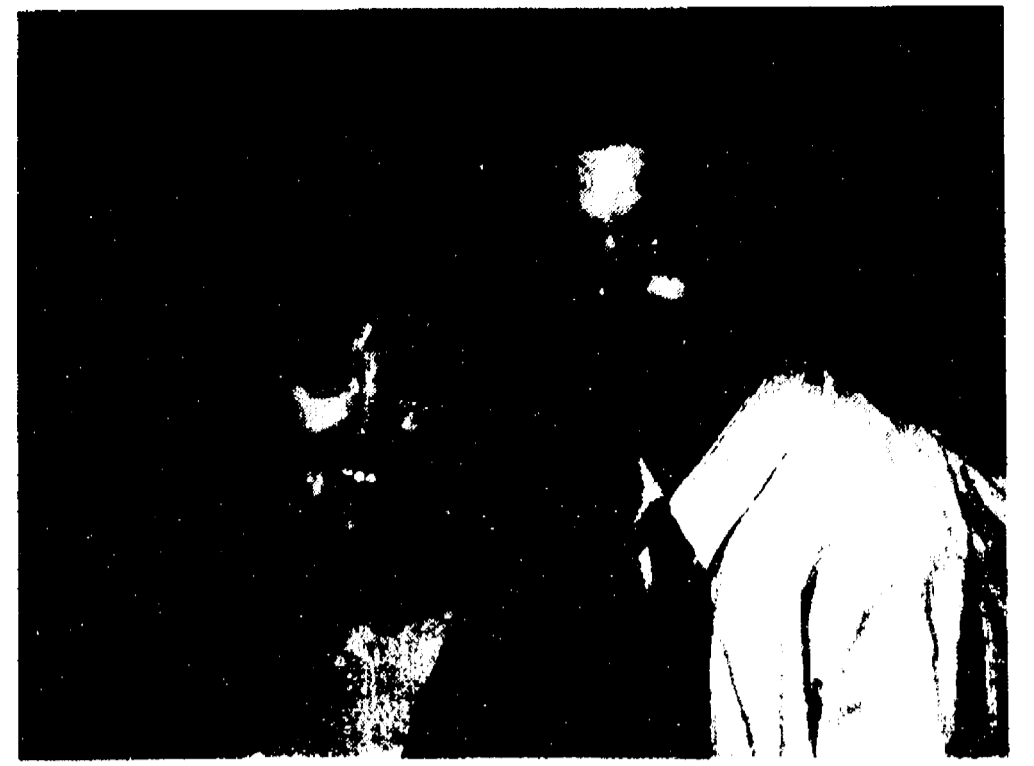
**Reorganized Church of
Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints**
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Christmas Eve: 5 and 8 p.m.
Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m.

Grayling Free Methodist Church
Christmas Eve: 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Service of lights, 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m.
Candlelight service: 7 p.m.

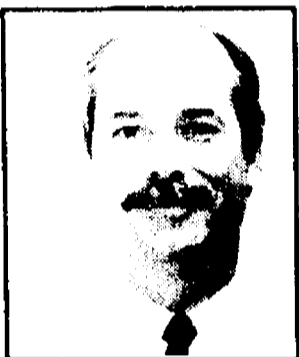
**Michelson Memorial United
Methodist Church**
Christmas Eve: 10 a.m.; Children's service, 5 p.m.
Family candlelight: 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Communion: 11 p.m.



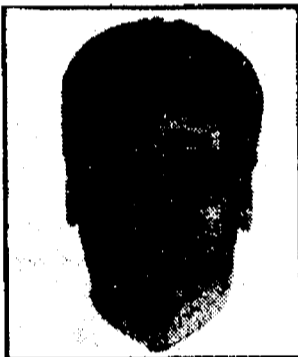
ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED--Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Johnson of Grayling, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Mae Johnson, to Darin Jay Altman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Altman of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Brenda is now employed by Mercy Hospital of Grayling, and Darin is employed by Ford, Lincoln, Mercury of Ponca City. A Dec. 30 wedding is being planned, in which afterwards the couple will reside in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Season's Greetings

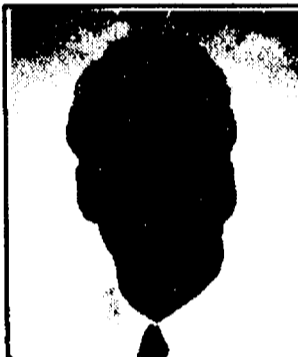
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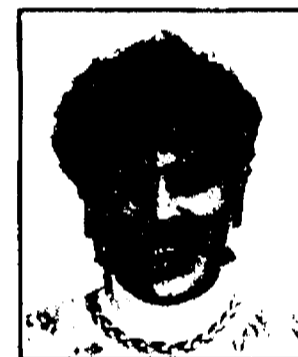
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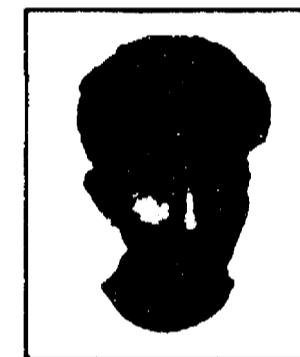
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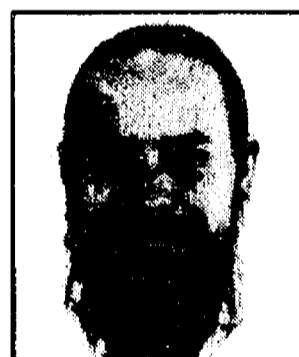
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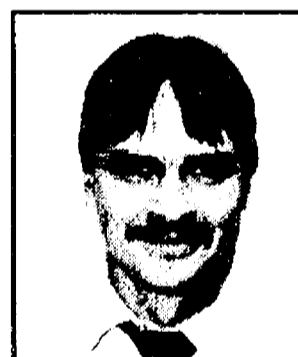
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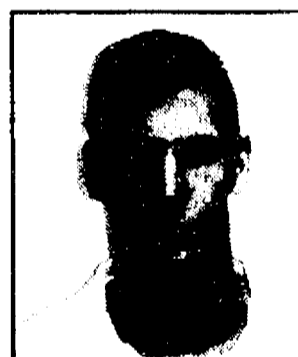
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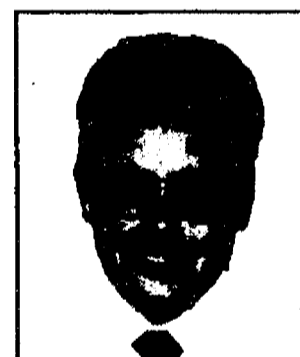
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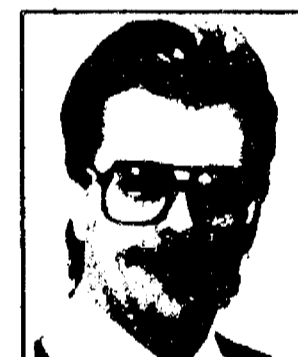
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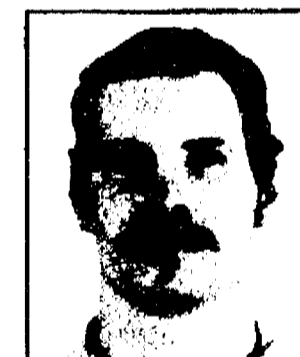
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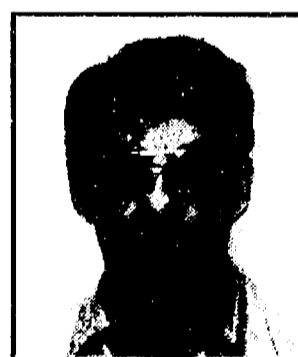
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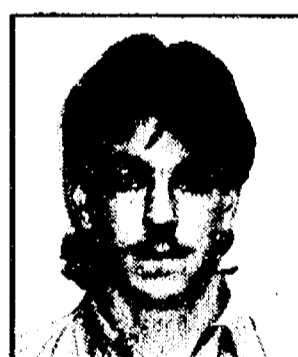
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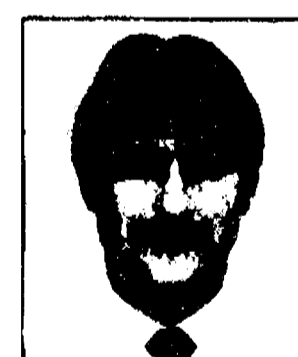
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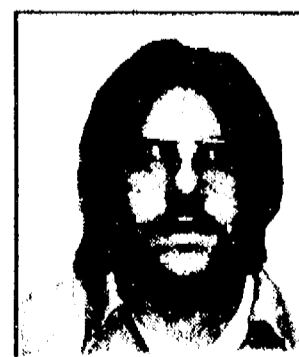
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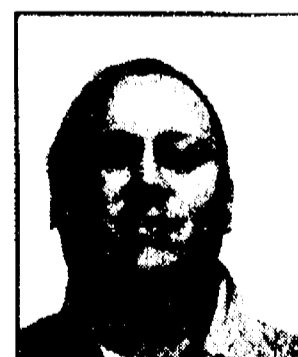
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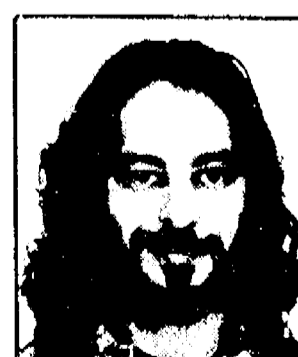
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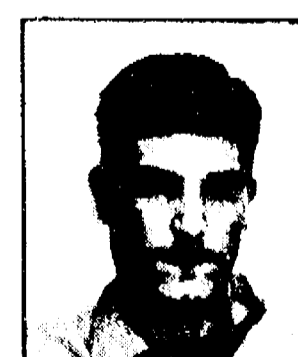
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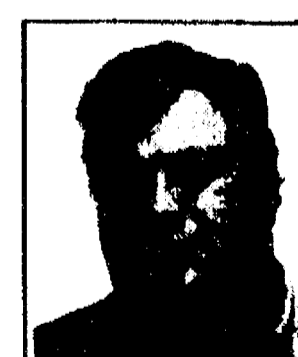
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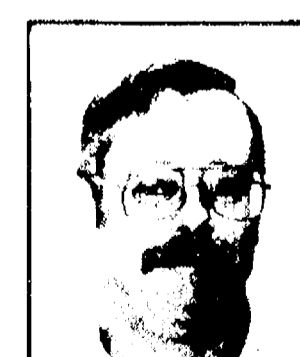
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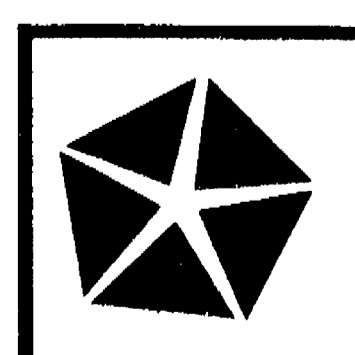


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